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Reagan rebuff for Kinnock over defence

President says Labour policy threat to Nato

From Philip Webster, Washington

President Reagan yesterday told Mr Neil Kinnock that the Labour Party's defence policies would seriously damage the unity of the Nato alliance and undercut the American position in the Geneva disarmament negotiations.

Delivering a firm rejection of Labour's non-nuclear stance at a brief White House meeting, Mr Reagan told Mr Kinnock that the West must be prepared, as it had not been in 1939, against the risk of a third world war, clearly implying that Labour's position would undermine Western defences.

Widely differing accounts of the meeting were circulating afterwards, but it was clear that Mr Kinnock had failed to convince Mr Reagan of the viability of his plans to switch resources from nuclear to conventional forces.

After the meeting Mr Kinnock said that there had not been overt criticism of Labour's policies and that concern had been expressed by implication.

He acknowledged that concern about the cohesion of Nato was the central point of the President's argument. But he added that it was one that Labour was ready to rebut and could easily deal with as its Nato commitment was absolute.

But although Mr Kinnock and his team appeared to be in an optimistic mood after the meeting, the strength of the President's denunciation of the Labour posture soon emerged in an official statement from the White House chief press secretary, Mr Marlin Fitzwater. Mr Fitzwater told journalists Mr Reagan had said that Mr Kinnock's proposals would have a "very strong effect on Nato and on East-West relations and would undercut our negotiating position in Geneva".

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The White House spokesman added that the President had concluded by saying: "We must be prepared unlike we were before World War II. We cannot let that happen again."

Mr Kinnock did receive an assurance from Mr Reagan, for which he had not asked, that the American Government had no intention or wish to interfere in the British general election campaign.

After the meeting he was in confident form and told waiting reporters that criticism had not been made "in anything that could be called a critical form". But he acknowledged that there were concerns about the disposition of Labour's policy.

He described his talks as friendly and constructive. But while Labour sources suggested that the meeting had taken half-an-hour, the White House said later that it had lasted about 20 minutes. It described the tone of the talks as "polite and businesslike".

At a press conference Mr Kinnock said he had told the President that he shared his desire to close the gap in conventional forces between East and West and pointed out that Labour's policy was aimed at achieving that end.

Mr Weinberger intervened to tell the Labour team that the savings they hoped to achieve by cancelling the Trident programme would not cover the additional commitment in conventional forces that was required.

● **Owen condemns:** The leader of the SDP, Dr David Owen, yesterday criticized Mr Kinnock's comments in New York as "deeply offensive" and "unnecessary".

Speaking after addressing a lunch of the CBI in Cardiff, Dr Owen said Mr Kinnock had also done himself enormous harm with his comments. "You don't go abroad and then rubbish your own country and Prime Minister," said Dr Owen.

Fleming faces £1m charge

John Fleming, deported from the United States to London this week to face questioning by Scotland Yard detectives about the £26 million Brink's Mat robbery, was last night charged with dishonestly handling £1.1 million in cash.

Mr Fleming, aged 45, described as a company director of no fixed abode, will appear at Horseferry Magistrates Court today.

The charge he faces accuses him of dishonestly handling cash, which was the proceeds of stolen gold bullion, between November 26, 1983 and March 26, 1987. The charge makes no mention of the source of the bullion.

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The credibility of the Boat Race as a national event is at stake on the tideway today

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Clocks go on

Clocks go forward one hour this weekend. British Summer Time officially begins at 2am tomorrow.

Portfolio —Gold—

● There is £12,000 to be won today in The Times Portfolio Gold competition, the weekly prize of £8,000 and the daily £4,000.

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Greece and Turkey in Aegean dispute

Carrington bid to head off war

Lord Carrington, the Nato Secretary-General, attempted last night to head off a military confrontation between Greece and Turkey in the Aegean Sea as warships from both countries steamed towards three Greek islands off the Turkish coast.

As leaders in Athens and Ankara traded threats and put their forces on a state of high alert, Nato diplomats in Brussels said there was no sign that either side was willing to relent over a move by Turkey to explore for oil near Greek islands.

At an emergency meeting of Nato ambassadors in Brussels last night, Lord Carrington asked the protagonists to "avoid recourse to force at all costs". But the appeal was ignored by the Greek and Turkish representatives who clashed verbally during the session.

Earlier the Greek Prime Minister, Mr Andreas Papandreou, warned: "Greece's military readiness at this moment is such that we are in a position to give our neighbours a tough lesson if they pursue aggressive plans."

The tough rhetoric was matched in Ankara by Brigadier Guven Ergenc, a spokesman for the Turkish General Staff, who said that warships were escorting the research ship Sismik I through the Dardanelles for oil exploration close to the Greek islands of Lemnos, Lesbos and Samothrace.

The Turkish action was sparked by an announcement from Athens that it would begin oil surveys off the island of Thasos in contravention of a 1976 protocol signed in Berne.

For the Nato allies, one of the most disturbing by-products of the dispute was the announcement by Mr Papandreou that he would close US military bases in Greece if a military conflict flared in the Aegean.

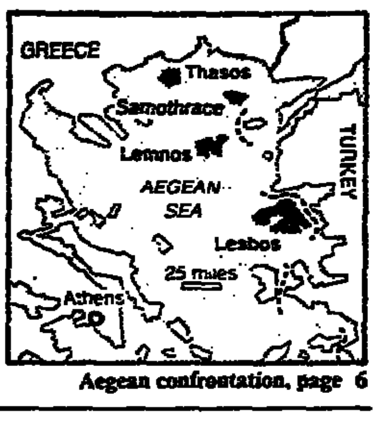
In a surprise move, the Greek leader dispatched his Foreign Minister, Mr Karolos Papoulias, by military aircraft to the Bulgarian capital, Sofia, with a personal message briefing President Zhivkov on the deteriorating situation.

Turkey later responded by announcing that it will brief Warsaw Pact and Islamic League envoys on its version of the affair today in Ankara.

After an emergency meeting of the ministerial council of foreign affairs and defence committee, Mr Papandreou told a full Cabinet meeting: "We decided not to allow Sismik I to carry out oil exploration in the Aegean. It is our duty to defend our sovereign rights." Asked how the ship and its escort would be stopped, the Prime Minister answered: "Certainly not with words."

Mr Turgut Ozal, the Turkish Prime Minister, who is in a London hotel recovering from heart by-pass surgery, was not available for comment, but officials said he was being briefed on developments from Ankara.

The Turkish Government spokesman, Mr Hasan Celal Guzel, said the oil prospecting decision had been made to prevent "the Aegean being turned into a Greek lake".



Aegean confrontation, page 6

Halted by the storm: a falling tree crashed through a train carriage near East Grinstead. One passenger was treated for serious injuries.

Tories striving for smoother line in Alliance attack

By Martin Fletcher and Sheila Gunn

Conservative Party leaders are set to change the tone of attacks on the Alliance due to mounting backbench alarm that the abrasiveness and personal jibes of Mr Norman Tebbit, party chairman, are proving counter-productive.

There will be no let up in the anti-Alliance offensive, but the fire will be directed less at personalities and more at exposing what one senior minister described yesterday as "wishy washy" policies.

Recent measured attacks by Sir Geoffrey Howe, Foreign Secretary, and Mr John Biffen, Leader of the Commons, are seen as more effective against the Alliance threat.

Lord Young of Graffham, Secretary of State for Employment, was drafted in to the Tory election team at Central Office this week in what was interpreted as a move towards a more smooth approach.

Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, said in a speech to Tories in Cornwall yesterday: "We shall as the weeks and months pass bring out into the open the essentially platitudinous and old fashioned nature of Alliance policies."

The change in emphasis follows publication of two polls this week showing a surge in Alliance support, and a meeting of the Tory backbench 1922 Committee on Thursday at which MPs welcomed a speech criticising Mr Tebbit's tactics.

However, Mr Tebbit and other senior ministers stood by those tactics yesterday, and the Prime Minister was said to be pleased that the debate about Alliance policies had been brought into the open.

An unrepentant Mr Tebbit said the Alliance surge had begun before his attacks and was not the result of them. He had been accused of having "cocked it up" at the time of his equally fierce attacks on left-wing Labour councils, yet "some people now say we have overdone it and destroyed the Labour Party".

Meanwhile, in the wake of the Gallup poll in *The Daily Telegraph* yesterday showing the Alliance two points ahead of Labour and six behind the Tories, Labour launched an offensive against the Conservatives.

Mr Neil Kinnock, Labour leader, set the tone with an interview in the *Daily Mirror* in which he said that a third Thatcher administration would be a "national nightmare" that would finish Britain off.

This weekend half the shadow cabinet will be making speeches tearing into the Government, deploring its values and its record.

An intense campaign of speeches, constituency visits and posters throughout April will try to restore Labour's standing in the polls.

A Labour spokesman said last night that the offensive had been planned in January for the May local election campaigns, but had now acquired a "new importance". It would ignore the Alliance because "it is the Government we are seeking to replace".

Mr David Steel, Liberal leader, yesterday challenged Mrs Margaret Thatcher to call an immediate election.

He said the poll results were no flash in the pan but the result of years of steady work.

Thatcher to meet refusenik Begun

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

On the eve of Mrs Thatcher's arrival in Moscow, Tass last night launched a swingeing attack on alleged British human rights abuses, which indicated that the issue could lead to a clash during her talks with Mr Mikhail Gorbachov.

"Mrs Thatcher is for some reason keeping quiet about such well-known facts as the diseases which are affecting England like racism, the cruel persecution of dissenting trade union activists and the terror against members of the anti-war movement," Tass said.

The attack, which was unusual coming so soon before the arrival of an invited political leader, was issued a few hours after it had been disclosed that Mrs Thatcher plans to meet Mr Iosif Begun, the most prominent Jewish refusenik, and other citizens barred from leaving.

Mr Begun, who has been imprisoned three times during his 16-year struggle to be allowed to emigrate to Israel, was one of 20 refuseniks who demonstrated yesterday. Perhaps because of the presence of a large number of British reporters and cameras, the KGB did not intervene.

Some West European observers, commenting on the unusually critical tone of recent Soviet press reports on British Government policies, have remarked that it might indicate the realization here that the trip is likely to prove a great electoral asset for Mrs Thatcher.

● **More freed:** Soviet authorities have freed more prisoners, Mr Alexei Glukhov, first deputy chief of the Foreign Ministry's humanitarian and cultural department, told Agence France-Presse yesterday. He refused to say who they were.

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Storms leave 10 dead

By David Cross

At least 10 people died as storm-force winds, accompanied by torrential rain, left a trail of fallen trees, floods and landslips across many parts of England and Wales yesterday.

The high winds, with gusts of more than 100 mph recorded near Land's End, caused havoc to power supplies and road, rail and ferry services.

In Devon, more than 100 children narrowly escaped death when two pre-fabricated classrooms collapsed as they were about to go into school. In Dorset, 160 schoolchildren were evacuated from a sports centre after the wind began ripping off the roof.

In Surrey, a commuter was trapped for three hours after a tree crashed on to his train as it was approaching Dormansland station near the border with Sussex. He was freed by firemen and taken to hospital with serious head and hip injuries.

A Norfolk policeman was also killed by a falling tree as he left his patrol car to inspect gale damage at Toftwood, near Dereham. Sergeant David Bowles, aged 42, was helping two other officers clear trees blocking the B1110 at Shipton. He had been a police officer for 19 years and was married with three children.

A girl aged 16 was crushed to death when a gust of wind brought down a six-foot-high wall on top of her as she was walking with a friend through the grounds of Caldicot Comprehensive School, near Newport, Gwent, in south Wales. Her classmate and two teachers tried unsuccessfully to revive her after she had been pulled from the rubble.

In Hendon, north London, a woman pedestrian aged 20 was killed when a nine-ft high wall collapsed on her near her home.

Another of those who died was a workman in Wiltshire

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SAS and Russia join forces

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

The SAS, Britain's elite anti-terrorist unit, is to combine with its Russian counterpart in fighting any attack which may be launched on British aircraft in the Soviet Union.

A new agreement has been reached between the two security organizations on countering hijacking or terrorism and will be endorsed next week by the Prime Minister during her Soviet visit.

Under the agreement signed in Moscow yesterday, security services of both countries will exchange information about any terrorist attacks on aircraft belonging to either nation and then mount a joint operation to overpower the attackers. Both sides are agreed that no aircraft which is hijacked will be allowed to take off and no haven given to any terrorist.

The Russians have been talking directly to Britain and in the international aviation world for some time about ways of forming a united front against air terrorism. However, until the recent move towards greater openness within Soviet society any real co-operation between security services was impossible.

Now, however, it has been agreed that both countries will exchange every available item of information and then set up a joint operation aimed at overpowering terrorists

The agreement was part of a package of measures approved between Sir Bryan Cartledge, the British Ambassador to Moscow, and the Soviet Civil Aviation Minister over future aviation co-operation between the two countries.

Their talks followed a deal with Japan allowing British Caledonian and British Airways to fly non-stop between London and Tokyo.

Research councils due to receive extra funds

By Sheila Gunn, Political Staff

Extra funds for the five research councils to enable them to lift the freeze on grants for new research projects are expected to be announced by the Government early next week.

The gap between the councils' budgets and wage bills has been caused by the Government's 24 per cent pay award to academic staff.

Mr Geoffrey Pattie, Minister for Information Technology, who found himself isolated in Brussels this week for blocking the EEC's £546 million research programme, last night attacked the Community's arrangements for collaborating research as a gravy train with generous grants and modest monitoring. The Government is also holding out against ordering firms to declare research spending in annual accounts. But Ministers hope the same result will be achieved by a draft standard which accountants will be expected to adopt, due to be published next month, setting out how they should draw up accounts.

Lecturers forced out, page 2

I was signing my death warrant, says health chief

**By Thomson Prentice
Science Correspondent**

The director general of the Health Education Council ended his most controversial week at work yesterday, knowing that he is likely to be dismissed next week because of his running battle with the Government.

The HEC is being abolished on March 31, to be replaced by the new Health Education Authority.

Last night Dr David Player was being interviewed on his application for the post of its chief executive. But neither he nor his closest supporters believe he will be given the job.

Two days ago he sent the Prime Minister two copies of the report which he commissioned and which may prove to have ended his career.

The report, *The Health Divide*, accuses the Government of damaging the health of Britain's unemployed and lower-income parties.

"When I signed the compliments slip and sent the copies to Downing Street I knew I was signing my death warrant", he said yesterday.

Dr Player was ordered to scrap a press conference to publicize the report less than an hour before it was due to begin last Tuesday. Sir Brian Bailey, chairman of the HEC, who issued the command, also forbade him to attend a hastily-rearranged news briefing outside the HEC offices in central London.

The dispute led to charges, denied by the Government, that it tried to suppress the report, which Sir Brian has privately described as "political dynamite".

Dr Player said: "What actually happened was beyond my wildest dreams. The report got far more publicity than it would have otherwise.

"The health issue is now on the political agenda in an election year, and that is just where it should be. I couldn't be more delighted."

Dr Player admits to timing publication of the report. He commissioned it a year ago knowing it would probably reflect his own criticisms of what he sees as the decline in the health of the working class caused largely by Government policies on housing, unemployment and poverty.

"Certainly I wanted it out in public before the HEC was abolished. It is an important document. Nobody knows when it would have seen the light of day after I'm gone."

Dr Player will leave the council after four-and-a-half years of what he describes as a "running battle" with the Government. "The pressure has been constant to do what I was told, not what I thought best.

"I am disgusted about the way this place has been wound down, the callousness, the lack of compassion for my staff. It was a Government decision, announced without notice, taken without consultation.

"The powers that be didn't like the high profile we adopted against the vested interests of the tobacco, alcohol and food industries."

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NEWS SUMMARY

Hospital refuses to name suspect

The Gloucestershire police are considering a court application to force a hospital to name a burglary suspect.

Gloucestershire Royal Hospital officials refused to disclose the name of the man, who was treated for an arm injury shortly after a break-in at a house in Gloucester.

The hospital said it had a duty to maintain confidentiality and only disclosed the names of serious crime suspects.

Det Insp Terry Moore said: "We fully appreciate there are rules and regulations that govern health service employees and what they can give to us. If ultimately going to court is the only way of getting information, then it will have to be considered."

A British Medical Association spokesman said: "A doctor must preserve secrecy on all that he knows".

Private prisons

Proposals for privately run prisons could be included in the Conservative Party manifesto, Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, said yesterday.

Mr Hurd, commenting on reports that the Home Affairs select committee is to recommend such prisons, said he was looking at how the French system operated and Lord Caithness, Home Office minister responsible for prisons, would be visiting American privately-run prisons.

Left plea for cash

Left-wing Labour MPs have appealed to MPs and peers to help to pay the £500,000 surcharges and legal costs of 27 disqualified Liverpool councillors.

The MPs, led by Mr Eric Heffer, MP for Liverpool, Walton, said: "It is the duty of all Labour Party members to assist our ex-councillors. It would also help create for the party in Liverpool the atmosphere to win back the council for Labour in the May elections."

Atlantic fares cut

British Airways and British Caledonian filed notice yesterday of their intentions to slash one way stand-by fares by up to £171, reducing a one-way ticket to New York from its present lowest level of £269 to £179.

A similar ticket to Los Angeles will fall from £383 to £259 and all other North American destinations served by both airlines by a similar amount.

Passengers will be able to book in advance but will have to wait until the day before departure to learn whether they have a seat.

Actress divorced

Faye Dunaway (right), the film actress, and her husband Terry O'Neill, the photographer, were divorced in London yesterday after five years of marriage.

Mr O'Neill, aged 49, was granted a divorce on the grounds of his wife's behaviour.

The couple who married at Barnet, Hertfordshire, in 1982, have a son, Liam. Both had been married before.

Eton visits Tyneside

More than 70 Eton sixth formers visited depressed housing areas of Tyneside yesterday. They are spending the first week of their spring holiday carrying out field work for their A level urban and industrial geography course.

One of the pupils, Richard Halstead, aged 18, from Sussex, said: "The region has got a lot of potential. I don't know why people go on about it being run down. It has got a lot of hope."

The 72 pupils were looking at the North Housing Association's efforts to improve the Northbourne Street area of Newcastle, so reversing the trend of people moving out because of vandalism and crime.

Hindley pinpoints moors graves in secret visit

By Ian Smith

Myra Hindley has spent two days helping to locate two bodies buried on the Yorkshire moors and police are now confident the graves will be pinpointed in a few weeks.

Under a prison release order signed by Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, Hindley was taken to Saddleworth Moor in a police operation which began early on Tuesday morning and ended with her return to Cookham Wood jail in Rochester, Kent, on Wednesday evening.

When she returned to her cell, Hindley, according to sources, was exhausted and distraught after reliving memories of the times she spent on the bleak moorland with her lover Ian Brady 22 years ago. The pair were jailed for life for the moors murders.

This week she tramped across peat bogs with her face hidden by a jacket and accompanied by Det Chief Supt Peter Topping, head of Greater Manchester CID.

She pointed to the precise spots where she believed Keith Bennett, aged 12, and Pauline Reade, aged 16, were buried.

She was then taken in an unmarked police car to Sedgley Park police training college in Manchester, where she spent the night in a flat normally used by the college commander. All corridors leading to her room were blocked and guarded.

After her return to prison, a police technical aid group intensified the hunt in the areas pointed out by Hindley, using metal detectors and poles.

Mr Hurd had insisted that the operation remain secret, to avoid the media attention which surrounded Hindley's first return to the moor lastDecember.

At that time Hindley pleaded with a Home Office representative deputed to travel with her to be allowed to remain overnight in a local police cell. She want to resume the search the next day.

Mr Topping also asked for her 24-hour release order to be extended, but both requests were rejected.

The Home Office was concerned at the possibility of Hindley's life being endangered by victims' relatives. During her last visit an uncle of victim Lesley Ann Downey tried to slip through a police cordon armed with a knife.

Last night Mrs Winifred Johnson, the mother of Keith Bennett, said she was hopeful that his body would be found very shortly.

She said: "I have lived with this nightmare for 22 years and to know that it is finally coming to an end is like having an unbearable weight lifted from my mind".

Police last night confirmed the visit had taken place but would not elaborate further on the investigation.

Mr Michael Fisher, Hindley's solicitor, said yesterday that his client was exhausted after her second visit to Saddleworth Moor.

"I spoke with her for two hours and she is determined to try to do all she can to help the police." He said he was not told of her return to the moor.

University forces some lecturers to leave

By John Clare, Education Correspondent

Keele University disclosed yesterday that it has persuaded some of its less successful lecturers to resign voluntarily or take early retirement.

The news comes after an announcement by Professor Brian Clarkson, the principal of University College, Swansea, that lecturers who have been "blatantly inactive in research" are likely to be dismissed.

Swansea and Keele are two of the 12 universities named in *The Times* yesterday as having the worst research record among Britain's 45 universities. Last June the University Grants Committee judged the quality of their work to be below average in 10 or more subject areas.

Other universities made it clear yesterday that they disagreed with the UGC's judgements and had no intention of following the lead of Swansea and Keele.

The subjects at Swansea in which research was judged below average included physics, mechanical engineering, psychology, biochemistry, creative arts and education.

Next week, lecturers in some of those as well as other departments will receive a stiff letter from Professor Clarkson, which begins: "To my surprise I can find nothing listed against your name in the annual report for the last eight years. I cannot regard this as a satisfactory discharge of your duties." (The annual report lists published research.)

Professor Clarkson goes on to invite the recipients to explain themselves and tell him what they "expect to achieve by the end of this session". He says that if their answers are not satisfactory they will be invited to consider early retirement or voluntary severance.

Stern action was also taken by Strathclyde, where research was judged below average in 10 subjects. Two, sociology and geography, were closed; others were merged.

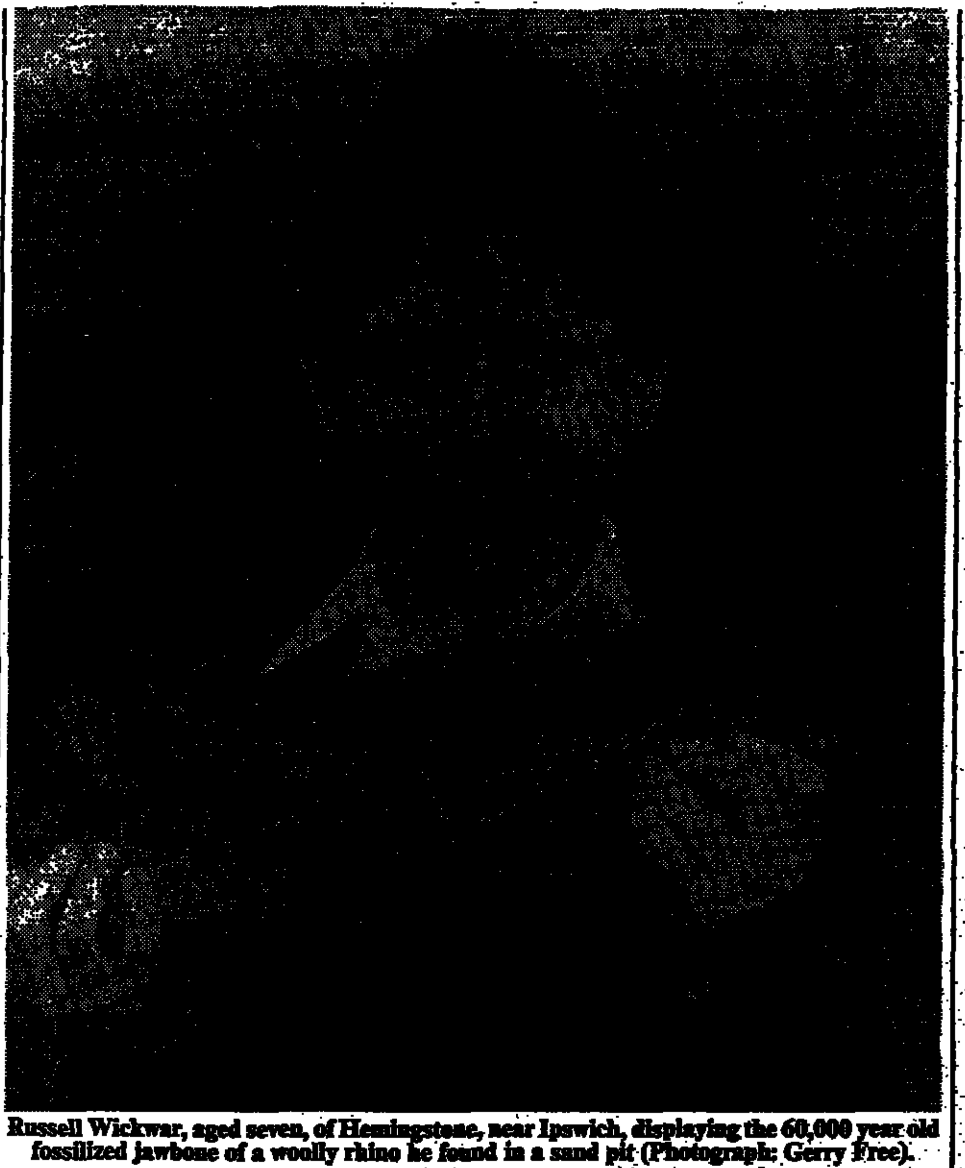
● Mr Malcolm Rifkind, Secretary of State for Scotland, is expected to announce next week that he has rejected the proposal to devolve control of Scotland's eight universities.

It is understood that he has rejected the plan, formulated by the Scottish Tertiary Education Advisory Committee, that the Scottish Office should assume control of their finances from the University Grants Committee.

● More than 180,000 full and part-time polytechnic and college lecturers were offered a 9.3 per cent pay rise yesterday. The offer, worth an extra £1,900-a-year for a senior lecturer, is conditional on teaching an average of 22 hours a week.

● Professor Colin Blakemore, of Oxford University, has decided to continue working in Britain for at least another two years.

Back in his laboratory after a visit to universities in California, where he was offered posts that would have quadrupled his salary, Professor Blakemore said yesterday that he and his team of 15 scientists and technicians believed it would be wrong to abandon their work at this stage.



Russell Wickwar, aged seven, of Hemingstone, near Ipswich, displaying the 60,000 year old fossilized jawbone of a woolly rhino he found in a sand pit (Photograph: Gerry Free).

Man hurt in jailbreak awarded £35,000

By Peter Evans
Home Affairs Correspondent

A former inmate at Peterhead Prison, Scotland's top security jail north of Aberdeen, was awarded more than £35,000 in damages yesterday for injuries sustained during an abortive escape attempt.

Mr Glen Hewson, aged 38, had sued the Secretary of State for Scotland for £80,000 at the Court of Session in Edinburgh.

He claimed that during the attempted break-out in January 1982, prison officers threw bricks and concrete at him as he scaled a perimeter fence.

Mr Hewson, who was serving six years for assault and armed robbery at the time, suffered two broken legs and other injuries. It was said in court that he was now severely crippled.

A spokesman for the Scottish Prison Officers' Association said he could not believe that a prisoner had been awarded damages for injuries sustained during an escape attempt.

Lord Cowie said that, despite the apparent improbability of prison officers acting in this way, he had come to the conclusion that Mr Hewson was telling the truth.

Evidence called on his behalf was generally unreliable, he said. But, one of the three other men involved in the escape had not attempted to "gild the lily" and his evidence was enough to corroborate that of Mr Hewson.

Lord Cowie said that while he was sure that prison officers who gave evidence were telling the truth and had not thrown any missiles, he was concerned that few of the warders involved in the incident had been called as witnesses for the Secretary of State.

The judge said that Mr Hewson, of Broughton Street, Edinburgh, was now unable to walk any distance without severe pain.

In awarding £35,608 in damages, Lord Cowie said that between July 1965 and December 1985, when he was last released from jail, Mr Hewson had spent about half his time in custody.

Correction

EEC butter and milk powder surpluses total 1.4 million tonnes and 1.3 million tonnes respectively, and not as given in a report from Brussels in early editions on March 26.

Heseltine boost for cities

By Mark Ellis

A national programme to rebuild Britain's inner cities, including the creation of an English Development Agency to spearhead the revival, was outlined yesterday by Mr Michael Heseltine, the former Environment Secretary.

At an Institute of Housing seminar in London Mr Heseltine, speaking on the challenges of the inner city, said there was an opportunity for a revival of dramatic scale, given the right public machinery and private sector funding.

He described the shortage of private property to rent as one of the scandals of our time. Mr Heseltine suggested that some of the £5 billion used for mortgage tax relief could be used to give grants to enable tenants to become home owners.

Making the inner cities atttractive, not just to their existing populations of the poor, jobless and ethnic minorities, but to the more prosperous people who moved away during the past fifty years, is one of the main planks of the programme.

Mr Heseltine said: "As the strong return, then of course the jobs will be created and the balance of wealth is restored. We need to see public money drawing the strength of the private sector in its wake into environmentally attractive areas."

The phasing out of grammar schools, taxation policies affecting small businesses and the recession were listed by Mr Heseltine as factors for the decline of the inner cities.

But revival could be engineered by a development agency adopting a three-pronged approach: setting up urban development corporations to convert derelict sites into growth areas; housing associations taking on wider responsibilities for urban reclamation and selective use of public money for environmental improvements using contractors selected by competitive tender.

● Britain is seeing the first signs of an economic miracle, Sir John Hoskyns, director general of the Institute of Directors, said last night.

He told City executives at the Mansion House in London: "We are perhaps halfway through what it takes to achieve an economic miracle – not bad going for a country which has been in slow decline for 70 years up to 1939 and headlong decline since 1945".

After tax reform, rent, education, the National Health Service and welfare remained to be tackled.

● Mr David Steel, the Liberal Party leader, yesterday attacked what he called the greed of Thatcherism.

Britain was a divided society, not between North and South, but right across the country, he said.

Mr Steel told the party's annual Scottish conference: "Even in the south-east there are pockets of poverty, just as there are pockets of prosperity in the north or the far west".

Vicar slates 'Wogans' in the pulpit

Some clergymen are more interested in imitating television chat show hosts in the pulpit than in preaching the Gospel, according to a survey of church trendiness (Our Religious Affairs Correspondent writes).

The Rev Peter Mullen, vicar of Tockwith, Yorkshire, and a writer and broadcaster, claims that the church is succumbing to the modern disease which has long afflicted popular newspapers.

In his book, *The New Babel*, published yesterday, he points to a growing incidence of what he calls "*Game For A Laugh* transposed to the sanctuary".

Too many clergymen model their pulpit style on Michael Parkinson or Terry Wogan, not excluding a "contrived jolly voice", he said.

Editor laughs off 'yuppie marxists' jibe

Mr Martin Jacques, editor of the magazine *Marxism Today*, laughed yesterday at the notion that his readers were "yummies" or young, upwardly mobile marxists.

The label was applied by *The Wall Street Journal*, which said the magazine was slick, full of advertising for the latest consumer goods, and had a wine column and a mail-order business whose merchandise included a T-shirt depicting Karl Marx and Groucho Marx tap dancing.

Mr Jacques said: "I'm puzzled there's so much interest. It's obviously because people think the left shouldn't enjoy itself, shouldn't consume."

He said his 15,000 readers were "yumscets" or young, modern, socially conscious and enjoying themselves.

Karpov is victorious in chess eliminator

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

Anatoly Karpov, the former world chess champion, demolished his opponent, Andrei Sokolov, in their world title eliminator in Linares, Spain.

Cities hoping to host the next world title series between Karpov and Gary Kasparov, the defending champion, now have until the end of next month to apply, the World Chess Federation said yesterday. Moscow and the United Arab Emirates are possible sites.

Karpov took the eleventh and final game in 25 moves on Thursday night, thus scoring a decisive 7½ points against Sokolov's 3½.

In the course of his victory Karpov won four games, drew seven, and lost none.

For their final game, Sokolov as White launched a desperate attack.

He refused to castle and stormed his opponent's king. Sokolov's chances at first appeared promising, but on the seventeenth move he went astray. Karpov's subsequent powerful knight manoeuvre left White's position in ruins.

Karpov now proceeds to challenge the world chess champion, Gary Kasparov, for the title in the autumn.

Sokolov white.

White	Black	White	Black
1 e4	c6	14 Qb3	o-o
2 c4	d5	15 hxg6	hxg6
3 exd5	cxd5	16 Bc4	Be6
4 cxd5	Nf6	17 d4	b5
5 Nc3	Nxd5	18 Bd5	Na5
6 Nf3	Nxc3	19 Qd1	Nb7
7 bxc3	g6	20 Ne5	Bxe5
8 h4	Bg7	21 dxe5	Nxc5
9 h5	Nc6	22 Qd4	Nd3 ch
10 Rb1	Qc7	23 Kf1	Qa7
11 Ba3	Bf5	24 Bxe7	Qxd4
12 Rb5	a6	25 cxd4	Nf4
13 Rc5	Qd7	26 white resigns	

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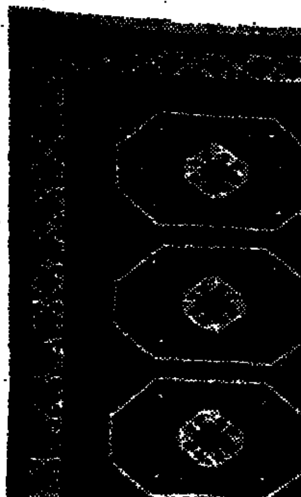

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Wife took out bank loan to hire her husband's assassin

By Ian Smith

A woman who took out a £2,500 bank loan to hire a man to kill her husband sobbed as they were both jailed for life yesterday.

The hired assassin lay in wait for Mr William Albert Buckley, aged 50, and shot him in the head at close range with his own gun when he returned home from an evening Gospel meeting.

Christine Buckley, aged 41, sat in the dock at Chester Crown Court next to David Ashbrook, aged 47, the killer, as the court was told how she tired of her husband when he spurned social evenings in favour of prayer meetings.

Disputes began three years ago when Mr Buckley, who ran a transport firm, renounced drink, joined the Salvation Army and took up the trombone.

After a furious argument one night Mrs Buckley, who had been set up in her own small catering business by her husband, sat in a public house complaining about his changed habits.

She *had asked a female* friend if she had any paraquat, a weed killer. The conversation was overheard by Ashbrook, a used car dealer, who asked if she was serious in her wish to get rid of her husband. *He would do the job if the* price was right.

The killer was given the bank loan proceeds and another £1,000 saved by Mrs Buckley, and he tried four times to way-lay Mr Buckley.Mrs Buckley became impatient and demanded that he complete the job.

She handed him keys to the home at Rose Cottage, Hartford, near Northwich in Cheshire, and he lay in wait in the kitchen, dressed in a combat jacket and balaclava.

After the murder, Ashbrook, *of Chester Road,* Greenbank, Northwich, whose wife is a primary school headmistress, threw away the gun, but neglected to remove its leather case and cartridges from the car he had used.

Mr John Rogers, QC, for the prosecution, told the court that the Buckleys had both been married before. She had two teenage daughters from her previous marriage.

They had lived first in Bryneglwys, North Wales, but later moved to Northwich, in a flat over Mrs Buckley's catering business. Mr Buckley had then inherited two cottages in Northwich.

Mr Rogers said: "It would appear there was some conflict over the deceased's relationship with his wife's two daughters. Mr Buckley, having been a man who liked to go out to public houses and drink, decided to give up drink and become a *Salvationist*."

There were violent incidents between them which culminated at Christmas 1985 with him leaving the flat and moving to Rose Cottage, one of the inherited homes.

Mr Rogers said a sexual relationship developed between the defendants after the *murder deal had been struck.* During the relationship they used the cottage Mr Buckley still owned in Bryneglwys, and Ashbrook stole the murder weapon from there.

He made three or four *attempts to trap Mr Buckley.* The most ludicrous was when Ashbrook borrowed Mrs Buckley's car and parked it on the Northwich by-pass with its bonnet up, hoping her husband would stop to help. He *drove past without noticing.*

Mr Rogers said that after killing Mr Buckley Ashbrook had changed his clothes and rushed to a public house to provide himself with an alibi.

Both defendants initially *denied the killing, but first* Ashbrook and then Buckley confessed.

Mr William Waldron QC, for Mrs Buckley, said she was appalled at her conduct. "She is truly remorseful and she just *does not know how she be*came involved."

Mr John Kay, for Ashbrook, said the killer deeply regretted taking a man's life.

Mr Justice French told them: "This was a brutal and *carefully planned murder.* The plan was carried out in a remarkably cold-blooded way both before the killing and after it."

David Ashbrook (left) was paid £3,500 by Mrs Christine Buckley to murder her husband, William Albert (right), who was killed as he returned from Salvation Army band practice.

All quiet in the smoke room as the Cavalry and Guards Club fights its toughest battle (Photograph: Stephen Markeson)

The Cavalry faces a charge of £3m

By Philip Howard

The elite of London service clubs, the Cavalry and Guards, is mounting a last charge to preserve its existence. Unlike most famous British cavalry engagements, *from Boudicca to the Charge* of the Light Brigade, it may just win.

Stockley plc, the owners of the club's handsome premises at 127 Piccadilly, have agreed to extend the deadline by a month to the end of April, and to reduce the price by £50,000 *to £3.2 million to sell the* building to the Cavalry and Guards as sitting tenants.

With a prudence unusual in British Cavalry officers, members have indicated that they would contribute more if given the opportunity to share in the proceeds if 127 Picca*dilly eventually* has to be sold.

Accordingly the chairman *of 127 Piccadilly Plc, Major-*General J M Strawson, and his board have arranged for an offer of capital debentures and preferred shares, as well as subscription debentures. So far they have raised just over £2 million. They need £2.75 million by the end of next month: the rest can be covered by bank loans.

The Cavalry and Guards is smarter than the In and Out (the Naval and Military); has grander premises than the Rag (the Army and Navy); and is more lively than the Athenaeum, just. On his first visit to the Athenaeum Sir James Barrie asked an octogenarian biologist the way to the dining room.

The biologist burst into tears. He had been a member for 50 years. No one had ever spoken to him before. The Cavalry club was founded at 127 Piccadilly by a Captain Wetherby *in 1890* against the wishes of the Commander-in-*Chief of the Army, the Duke* of Cambridge, Queen Victoria's cousin. Cambridge thought it would be cliquish.

It was renovated and extended in *1908* by Mewès and Davis, the trendy architects of the Ritz, *in rather the same* opulent style. It has some handsome seventeenth century balustrading on the staircase, and two questionably seventeenth century fireplaces in the style of William Kent in the ground floor smoke room.

In 1976 the Guards Club amalgamated with the Cavalry, and moved in.

The club has about 3,200 members, its highest number. Its subscription is one day's pay *a year for serving officers* below the rank of captain, and two days pay *a year for serving* officers of the rank of captain and above. Full members who are no longer serving pay £240 a year. These days Greenjackets and officers of the Royal Tank Regiment are *allowed to join, provided they* behave themselves.

The walls are plastered with pictures of forgotten cavalry charges such as Klip Drift; and portraits of famous cavalry officers or at any rate cavalry *fanciers such as* the Duke of Wellington, Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, and the late Duke of Gloucester.

Oliver Cromwell, the greatest cavalry commander in our history, is banished to the *billiard room because of his* politics. In the billiard room there also slumbers undisturbed the greatest library of cavalry books in the country. The silver candelabra of guardsmen three feet high and statuettes of horses have to be seen to be believed.

In the smoke rooms and bars, purple majors and generals thin as whips think angrily about nothing. And in the front hall a vulgar cardboard barometer indicates how the club is doing in its "Debenture Chase Over £3.2 million".

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Winner is worker for charity

Three readers shared yesterday's Portfolio Gold prize *of £4,000.*

Mr Richard Radcliffe, aged 34, *of Chiswick*, west London, said he would consult his wife before making any decision on how to spend the money.

But Mr Radcliffe, a director of the Charities Aid Foundation, said he would definitely have a superb treat.

Mr Nitin Patel, aged 40, of Stanmore, Middlesex, was amazed to win because he had not been a regular player of the competition.

Mr Patel, a Barclays Bank official, *will spend the money* on the stock market.

Mr Peter Goodall, of Walton-on-Thames, Surrey, a senior quality engineer with Rolls-Royce, was the *third* winner.

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TV college starts in September

The Open College, the television service for vocational education, starts on Channel 4 in September (Our Media Correspondent writes).

It will begin with one hour each weekday for 30 weeks a year, providing programmes *intended* to teach skills and improve employment prospects.

● Business Television, an independent television production company based at Limehouse Studios in east London, is *to* produce a *daily* business news programme for Channel 4 from the autumn.

The programme will be transmitted for half an hour each weekday, going out at lunchtime.

● A new radio station, transmitting programmes in Hindi and English, was launched this week by the cable television operator in Ealing, west London. A Hindi *film channel has been avail*able on the cable for some time.

● Mr Michael Checkland, director-general of the BBC, yesterday announced two new appointments to strengthen financial controls.

Mr Cliff Taylor, aged 46, deputy director of planning and resources for television, is *to be deputy director,* resources, for television. Mr Duncan Thomas, aged 47, controller of resource development and engineering for the television service, becomes deputy director, resources for *radio.*

Brewers defend the use of seaweed

By Craig Seton

British brewers yesterday criti*cized claims about the un*assailable purity of German beer and vigorously defended the use of such additives as seaweed and fish bladder extract which go to make a traditional British pint.

The brewers were speaking at the end of a five-day international beer competition in Burton-on-Trent, Staffordshire, where 33 international judges whittled 900 entries down to *19* individual winners. Five supreme champions *were chosen,* but the results will not be announced until June.

The traditional rivalry of the competition was intensified by the recent ruling of the European Court that the German brewing industry's purity laws *could no longer* be used to keep out other EEC beers.

Curiously, there were only a few Germany entries, although nobody was admitting that a boycott was in operation.

The only German success *came in the draft* lager section.

Mr Tony Duckworth, managing director of Cape Hill Brewery, a division of Mitchells & Butlers, and chairman of the judges, said: "It is true we use finings like extracts from the sturgeon fish and seaweed to help the beer to clear, but they are absolutely essential, although they would be illegal in Germany. It is part of our *heritage* and we are not going to change."

● Welsh people drink too much, according a report by the Health Education Advisory Committee for Wales, released yesterday, which put *the annual* cost of overindulgence in alcohol at more than £100 million.

MPs unexpectedly backed a private member's Bill yesterday to allow public houses to stay open longer (Our *Political Staff writes*).

The Bill from Mr Allan Stewart, Conservative MP for Eastwood, which received an unopposed second reading, will allow public houses to open for up to 12 hours between 10.30am and 11.30pm.

Mr Stewart said: "It is historic that the House has now decided in principle that licensing hours in England and Wales should be reformed and the many nonsenses of the *present system swept away*".

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Gales halt Zeebrugge salvage

By David Sapsted

The schedule for righting the ferry Herald of Free Enterprise suffered a further delay yesterday as gale-force winds and rough seas forced all salvage work on the vessel to be abandoned.

It was the fourth delay caused by the weather and, unless there is a significant improvement in the conditions over the weekend, which forecasters say is unlikely, it could take another week to complete the preparations for the lifting operation.

Originally, the Dutch salvage team hoped to begin the task of righting the vessel this weekend but earlier delays had already put the date back to next Tuesday. Now, the team hopes to be ready between Wednesday and Friday.

Only two of the 140-metre *cables to be used in the lift* have so far been put in position and the only good news for the salvage team yesterday was the verdict of Belgian naval architects that only limited reinforcing of the superstructure would be necessary.

There had been fears that the top half of the vessel would collapse under the strain of the process to pull it upright.

However, the architects decided yesterday that it would *be necessary* only to reinforce the area between the bridge and funnel. This will not cause additional delays to the operation's schedule.

It is estimated that it will take between eight and 10 *hours to right the ship* once preparations have been completed. It will take several days before the bow doors can be secured, water pumped out and the process of recovering the bodies still inside, believed *to number more than 70,* can begin.

Three jailed for ferry death claims

Three people were jailed yesterday for wasting police time by falsely claiming they had lost relatives in the Zeebrugge ferry disaster.

James Lee, aged 50 and Marjorie Luckhurst, aged 56, both pleaded guilty at Sandwich Magistrates' Court, Kent. The court was told that after the sinking of the Herald of Free Enterprise Lee persuaded Luckhurst to report a lost relative.

Robert Fenwick, of Hernehill House, Hurst Street, south-east London, also pleaded guilty at the court to wasting police time, by falsely claiming he had lost four members of his family in the disaster. He was jailed for 16 weeks.

The court was told Lee wanted a death certificate for Luckhurst so he could present it to the building society and have the £32,350 mortgage paid off on their house in York Terrace, Birchington, Kent.

Lee was sentenced to prison for 12 weeks and Luckhurst, a *schools* crossing attendant was jailed for four weeks.

Fenwick admitted that between March 10 and 25 in Kent he caused wasteful employment of the police by knowingly making a false report *tending to give rise to* the apprehension of the safety of Patrick, Christina, Susan and David Ashton.

Fenwick had previous convictions for obtaining money and services by deception.

He phoned the ferry disaster incident room at Kent police headquarters in Maidstone and reported four members of his family missing on March 7, the day after the disaster.

He said his relations were Jehovah's Witnesses and did *not have dental or medical* records. Arrangements were made through the Red Cross to get him to Zeebrugge. He was flown from Manston, Kent, to Ostend and he appeared so distraught a doctor had to see him. He went by car to Zeebrugge and spent the *night in a hotel, before looking* at photographs the next day to try to identify his "family".

But inquiries by police and Red Cross staff disclosed that Fenwick had invented the names. He was arrested in Aberdeen on Wednesday.

Mr Jack Bones, chairman of Dover magistrates, said the court had to take into account that Fenwick was charged with wasting police time, and not deception. But it was a very serious offence and he had no hesitation in jailing *him.*

Jilted man 'shot girl friend's father'

A man shot dead his girl friend's father, raped her sister, then put her brother through a horrifying ordeal when they refused to disclose where she was hiding, a court *was told yesterday.*

Mr Timothy Barnes, QC, for the prosecution, said at Birmingham Crown Court that Gary Bland took his revenge when his girl friend left him and went into hiding in September 1985.

He went to her home on the Braunstone estate in Leicester, shot her father, aged 71, then raped her sister while her brother was locked in a cupboard.

The most terrifying incident, Mr Barnes said, came when Bland ordered the girl to *kneel on the floor with the* shotgun barrel in her mouth

When he pulled the trigger, there was only a click but the girl thought *she was* going to die.

The youngsters eventually escaped through a window.

Bland, of Woodland Drive, Leicester, has denied murdering *his girl friend's father.* The jury was told he was prepared to admit to manslaughter on the grounds of diminished responsibility, but the prosecution rejected the plea. He has admitted raping the girl and unlawfully imprisoning her and the brother.

The trial continues on Monday.

Jury warned in 'Reggie Perrin' trial

The judge in the trial of Robert Healey, who is accused of murdering his wife and step-daughter, told the jury yesterday that there was no scope for it to return a verdict of not guilty to manslaughter.

Mr Justice McNeill said in his summing up at Liverpool Crown Court that if the jury decided Mr Healey had not committed murder then it must return a verdict of guilty *to manslaughter.*

"It is not in dispute here that in the case of each killing it was the defendant who caused death by direct and unlawful violence. You are not troubled by decisions on direct and unlawful violence. They are not in dispute", he said.

The judge said the jury had *to consider the history of the* relationship between Mr Healey and his wife, and decide if there was provocation.

He said: "Would a reasonable man take a rolling pin and rain blows down on her head so as to kill her?" There was no suggestion that Mr Healey's step-daughter was guilty of provocation.

Mr Healey, aged 38, a *driving instructor,* of Longmead Avenue, Hazel Grove, Stockport, Cheshire, has admitted in court that he killed his second wife, Greeba, aged 40, and step-daughter, Marie Walker, aged 13, on July 29 last year.

But he denies murder and says the killings were not planned. The jury will be sent out on Monday to consider its verdicts.

The court has been told that Mr Healey staged a fake suicide after leaving a pile of his clothes on a beach at Prestatyn, North Wales. He buried the bodies in a shallow grave at Holywell before going to London and assuming a new identity.

But he gave himself up at New Scotland Yard, London, after the bodies were found. *The prosecution* has alleged that Mr Healey based his *disappearance* on the Reginald Perrin television programme, which he enjoyed watching.

Mr Healey denies the claim. He also denies having a sexual relationship with his step-daughter. Medical evidence has shown that she had intercourse near the time of her death.

Mr John Hugill, QC, for Mr Healey, asked the jury to consider three questions.

"Why was it such a frenzied attack on the wife? Why did he kill these women and, to use a vulgar expression, then do a 'Stonehouse' or a 'Perrin'?

Mr Hugill continued: "*I am* sure you would agree that this *is* a most upsetting and disturbing case.

'It is upsetting for many reasons. One is the sheer ordinariness of everyone concerned. You have seen the photographs of the house; you have seen the defendant. It is all so ordinary." He said: "You may think you have seen a tortured soul before you. *He is a man of consid*erable distress and rightly so *because, in any view, he has* committed a dreadful crime."

The trial was adjourned.

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Experts say CAA fire rule puts air passengers at risk

By Ian Smith

Government ministers may be forced to intervene in a dispute between fire experts and the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) over aircraft safety.

The CAA was accused yesterday of worsening the risks to passengers evacuating burning aircraft just to save operators forfeiting fares.

The CAA has ignored safety recommendations made by an inquest jury after the Manchester holiday aircraft disaster 19 months ago. In the accident 55 people died on board a blazing Boeing 737 on the airport tarmac.

The jury, after hearing from witnesses how most of the victims died because they could not reach escape doors, recommended that three seats adjacent to each wing exit be removed. Its recommendations were supported by Greater Manchester's chief fire officer and the Department of Transport accident investigation branch

Instead the CAA has offered airline operators two options, either to remove a single seat next to each over-wing exit or increase the space in front of the seats adjacent to each exit.

The authority insists its safety alternative has nothing to do with saving money but is based entirely upon emergency evacuation tests conducted in Britain and the United States.

But Mr Anthony Parry, chief fire officer of Greater Manchester, said the view of experts was that the CAA recommendations would make little or no difference to the speed of evacuations and in certain circumstances would make things considerably worse because panicking passengers would converge on an exit only capable of taking one person at a time.

Mr Parry was also highly critical of plans to introduce smoke hoods, which he says will lull passengers into a false sense of security.

He said: "The point I am trying to make is that unless there is adequate means of escape from the aircraft then the only difference the provision of smoke hoods is going to make will be to create confusion and panic or delay with the only change in the outcome being that some of the fatalities will be wearing smoke hoods".

The chief fire officer insisted that the Civil Aviation Authority's Airworthiness Notice issued in January last year in no way met the recommendations made by the inquest jury. Over 10 days the jury listened to 50 witnesses tell of the events surrounding the fire on board the holiday jet bound for Corfu.

An emergency meeting is to be sought between Manchester airport consultative committee, the fire authority and the CAA to discuss the situation.

A committee member, Mr. Sean Rogers, said he was appalled that the CAA had chosen to ignore the inquest jury recommendations.

Mr Rogers said he wanted to know what behind the scenes pressure had been used to fool people into believing improved safety measures had been introduced. He said members would demand government intervention unless the CAA altered its plans.

Councils unite to condemn poll tax

Fears that a poll tax to replace domestic rates could leave local government unable to carry out its functions have been voiced in a briefing paper issued yesterday to members of both Houses of Parliament.

The paper says the proposals "are unfair in principle, unworkable in practice, and because they give central government so much financial control over local services and spending, local accountability will become meaningless".

It has been issued jointly by the Association of County Councils, the Association of District Councils, the Association of Metropolitan Authorities and the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities.

They say "the flat rate community charge is a highly regressive tax because it is not based on ability to pay". Those on low incomes, particularly pensioners living in property with low rateable values, will be hardest hit.

The Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy said difficulty in collecting the tax would increase evasion by up to 10 per cent, compared with less than 1 per cent evasion of rates.

In an accident during a rugby match a player's heart was speared by one of his own ribs. The player, a Welshman aged 28, eventually arrived at Harefield Hospital for a transplant operation, after suffering a stroke.

That was four years ago. Now the player, Mr Mike Ward, of Hunter's Ridge, Barry, South Glamorgan, is due to get married today, to Miss Melanie Lewis, aged 24.

Mr Ward, above with Miss Lewis, said: "I have taken up playing soccer but I can't play rugby because I can't get insured.

"Melanie knows all about my heart transplant and it doesn't make any difference. I would love to have children."

Miss Lewis said: "I have no worries. He's as fit as anybody can be."

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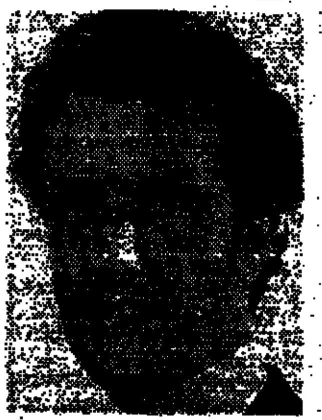
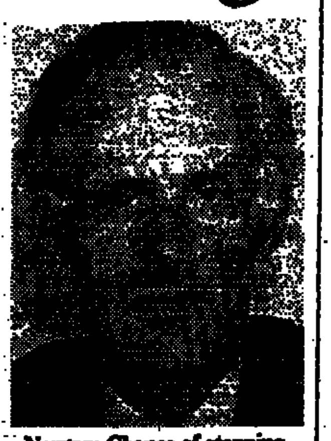
MP suggests Aids is 'largely self-inflicted': cautions on spending



Forth: Reporting could cause unnecessary alarm



Newton: Chance of stopping disastrous disease

An MP who said that Aids was a disease that was "largely self-inflicted" and who cautioned against spending too much money on fighting it, came in for criticism from MPs on both sides of the Commons.

The Bill, a private Member's measure requiring the regular reporting of Aids and HIV cases to regional health authorities, was given an unopposed third reading.

Mr Eric Forth (Mid Worcestershire, C) said that the reporting of case numbers within small communities could cause unnecessary alarm because efforts could well be made to identify individuals.

There was no estimate of the cost of this exercise. MPs did not know what they were committing themselves to. Enormous resources could be spent on something largely self-inflicted and it would be difficult to square this with resources available for those suffering from conditions not brought on by themselves.

The difficulty of drawing up accurate records was highlighted by **Sir George Young** (Ealing, Acton, C). He said that he could envisage certain death certificates where a doctor might not have put down Aids.

A respected public figure living in a village might die of Aids and his doctor might not want to put that on the death certificate. To save the sensitivities of family and friends the doctor might put down some other disease.

Sir George mentioned in this context the death of Liberace. Right up to the end, relatives, friends and advisers insisted that he did not have Aids. But the coroner put that on the death certificate.

Dr Maurice Miller (East Kilbride, Lab) said that if there was a tremendous increase in bronchial pneumonia it would be easy to extrapolate that it was not the relatively simple infection they were dealing with.

He wanted the information kept not on an annual but on a shorter basis.

Mr Gavin Strang (Edinburgh East, Lab), the Bill's sponsor, said that it was important that the statistics on HIV produced data that gave some real indication of the rate of spread nationally, regionally and at district or, in Scotland, at health-board level.

Mr John Marek, an Opposition spokesman on health, accused Mr Forth of "arguing for ignorance". Even more resources, he said, should be committed by the Government. It was shameful that Mr Forth should talk about enormous resources for "something people have brought on themselves". This was untrue.

Mr Forth pointed out that he had been careful to say "largely self-inflicted".

Mr Tony Newton, Minister for Health, on the point about death certificates, said that this was a problem not only with Aids but with some other diseases. Nobody had found a conclusive answer.

Sometimes, doctors might use words such as "immunodeficiency" to spare feelings, but this would make it likely that the case would be recognized as one of Aids by the Communicable Diseases Surveillance Centre.

The immediate cause of death of many Aids sufferers would be pneumonia, and the issue therefore arose whether the doctor would write "pneumonia arising from . . ." or "aggravated by . . .".

As at February 24 there was no reported case of diagnosed Aids in the prison population of England and Wales, Mr David Mellor, Minister of State, Home Office, said in a written reply. On the same date, the latest for which figures were available, there were 45 inmates reported as having been identified as HIV anti-body positive.

Reports should contain information on the extent of HIV infection in local areas. This would be important for planning purposes. The Government would use its powers to add a requirement that reports must provide information about HIV infection.

He noted a point made by Mr Forth that the requirement to publish reports could risk spreading alarm. It was true that in some parts of the community there was a degree of alarm about Aids. But there could be a far greater risk in allowing complacency about Aids to continue.

It would be a mistake to think that in areas where there had so far been very few or even no Aids cases there were not people infected with the HIV virus, and who were therefore potential Aids cases.

The case for publishing these reports was justified because before the end of the century there were going to be very few parts of the country that did not have at least some Aids cases.

Whatever view Mr Forth might take about the background of at least some of those people who had Aids or were HIV positive, they were ill and needed treatment. The publication of reports would contribute towards the prevention of Aids

It would be wrong for Mr Forth to give the impression that the Government was attaching a degree of importance to Aids that it did not also attach to other health problems. There was no question of treating Aids as special, except in the sense that they had a chance of stopping this disease from becoming as disastrous as it could otherwise be.

Mr Strang said that Mr Forth had complained about the spreading of alarm. But people had to understand that Aids was the biggest threat to public health for half a century.

He could not go along with Mr Forth's comment that Aids was "largely self-inflicted". That was not true in the case of haemophiliacs, babies or, for instance, the wives of servicemen who picked up the virus while serving overseas.

Mr Simon Hughes (Southwark and Bermondsey, Lib), Alliance health spokesman, said that they had to make sure that ignorance was broken down and education and information increased.

The Aids (Control) Bill was given a third reading.

Flexible opening for pubs

A private Member's Bill that would allow licensed premises to open for any 12 of the 13 hours between 10.30am and 11.30pm was given an unopposed second reading.

Mr Nigel Spearing (Newham South, Lab) said that in practice this would mean most pubs closing half an hour later than at present.

That extra half an hour might have social consequences. Violence was more likely to occur as there was a damaging relationship between the consumption of alcohol and acts of criminal damage and violence.

Mr Robert Hayward (Kingswood, C) said that sports clubs were so heavily restricted that quite often when a game finished they were not allowed to serve beer straightaway.

The proposal would give a degree of flexibility.

● A Bill to change the maximum permitted hours during which gaming in casinos and clubs could take place was read the third time.

Mr Mark Carlisle (Warrington South, C) said that at present gaming could take place on weekdays from 2pm to 4am but at weekends it was limited to 2pm to 3am in London and 2pm to 2am in the rest of the country.

The Gaming (Amendment) Bill, which has Government support, would allow all clubs and casinos to stay open until 4am on Sunday mornings.

Bill to curb sale and hire of crossbows

The Crossbows Bill, designed to tighten up the rules covering the possession and sale of crossbows involving people under the age of 17, was given an unopposed third reading.

The aim of the Bill, sponsored by **Mr Peter Bruinvels** (Leicester East, C), is to make it an offence to sell or let on hire a crossbow or even part of a crossbow to someone under 17.

Mr Bruinvels said that crossbows could kill at 25 to 30 yards, or even up to 60 yards.

In 1986 there were 115 incidents of misuse, including two suicides. There were also many nasty injuries to animals.

A trader found guilty under the Bill could face up to six months in prison plus a fine of up to £2,000.

Mr Douglas Hogg, Under Secretary of State, Home Office, said he hoped that the balance struck between the need for restrictions and the desire to protect sportsmen and the industry was about right.

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Teachers' colleges blamed for 'aimless physical education'

By John Clare, Education Correspondent

The quality of physical education in primary schools is strongly criticized in a commission of inquiry report published yesterday by the Physical Education Association.

It blames teacher training colleges for not teaching students physical education (PE) or offering inadequate courses. The result, it says, is that many young teachers are ill-equipped.

The commission also criticizes primary school headteachers for failing to understand the importance of PE. It says the 1944 Education Act recognized the need to counter the physical deprivation of the depression and the war years, but that sense of purpose has *now been lost.*

As a result, PE in primary schools "lurches from the occasionally very good to the largely inadequate and often aimless".

The report says the subject should be recognized urgently as an essential part of the primary school curriculum.

A recent survey showed that 80 per cent of young children had less than five minutes vigorous activity a day.

In secondary schools, the commission finds no serious deterioration in physical education but says there are "obvious danger signs".

A survey of more than 200 schools showed a significant reduction over the years in the time allocated to PE. In many, pupils can drop the subject *completely after their third* year.

This is partly because other subjects have had to be accommodated in the curriculum, but the commission notes that the attitude of staff towards PE is often "negative".

It praises the majority of secondary school PE teachers for giving nine or more hours a week of their own time to coaching and other outdoor activities, "even at the height of industrial action". It wonders if such commitment can be relied upon for much longer.

The commission says, contrary to some reports, there is no evidence that team games have become less popular in school. But it is disturbed by what it sees as a tendency to supervise games instead of coaching them.

The report also criticizes an "over-indulgence" in games at *the expense, in particular,* of gymnastics which are said to be in serious decline.

● Mr Richard Tracey, the minister responsible for sport, has announced a government review of the place of sport in the curriculum. A report will be published by the end of the year.

Leeds goes to war on racist fans

By Peter Davenport

A campaign to rid football of right-wing extremist gangs who use matches to instigate *racial hatred was launched* yesterday.

The scheme has been put together by Second Division team Leeds United, local police and the city council which owns the ground.

In the past sections of the crowd at the club's Elland Road ground have chanted racial slogans and abuse at coloured players in visiting teams, earning Leeds an unenviable reputation.

The *new scheme,* to be introduced today, is being brought in to coincide with new legislation, the 1986 Public Order Act, which comes into force next Wednesday.

The Act will enable magistrates to impose £1,000 fines or six-month jail sentences on anyone found guilty of incitement to racial hatred.

For racist acts at football matches, magistrates will be able to ban individuals for life *from visiting* any football ground in the country. Local magistrates have told club officials they intend to enforce the new legislation rigorously.

Yesterday officials of the club, the city council and the police gave details of their scheme.

Their strongest weapon is a powerful lens, priced at £4,000, which is to be fitted to the closed circuit surveillance *cameras at the ground.*

This is so powerful, a club official said, that "It will show up the fillings in your teeth".

It will enable police to identify the ringleaders in the average crowd of 16,000 so that officers in the ground can then move in on them.

The club is also to hand out *40,000 leaflets to supporters* during the next few weeks pointing out the penalties which they run under the Act. They will also be addressed by Mr Billy Bremner, the club manager, over the public ad*dress system before the start of* remaining home games.

Councillor David Trickett, *chairman of the finance com*mittee on Leeds city council, said: "Leeds has got a reputation for hooliganism that it doesn't deserve. But there is a problem in the country where the far right, such as the National *Front,* are using football as an audience for their horrific views.

"There are probably no more than two dozen of them at Leeds who are using the club for their offensive activities. We are determined to root them out. Their behaviour is scarring the city."

Journalist must wait for 'sources' judgement

The High Court reserved judgement yesterday on a government move to compel a financial journalist to disclose his sources of information.

Mr Justice Hoffmann said at the end of a two-day hearing that he would give judgement on Tuesday in the case brought by the Department of Trade and Industry under the 1985 Company Securities (Insider Dealing) Act.

The inspectors want Mr Jeremy Warner, business correspondent for *The Independent,* to disclose his sources for two articles on take-over bids written in November 1985 and October 1986.

Mr John Mummery, for the department, said Mr Warner's sources could confirm the existence of an insider dealing ring which was believed to be trading in shares worth more than £10 million. If the sources were not connected with that ring, the information could support evidence of a second ring.

He said that while the 1981 Contempt of Court Act gave journalists a statutory privilege to protect sources, this did not apply if withholding the identity of those sources interfered with the prevention of crime.

Mr Warner has refused to disclose his sources for the articles. His stance is backed by *his editor,* Mr Andreas Whittam Smith, who has said, that the newspaper will not change its policy, even if faced with a court order.

Mr Charles Gray, QC, for Mr Warner, said the court did *not have the power to order* Mr Warner to answer the inspectors' questions. Its only course was to order some form of punishment if he was held to have refused information without reasonable excuse.

Mr Gray said the inspectors could not prove it was "necessary" to have Mr Warner's information to prove there had been criminal offences.

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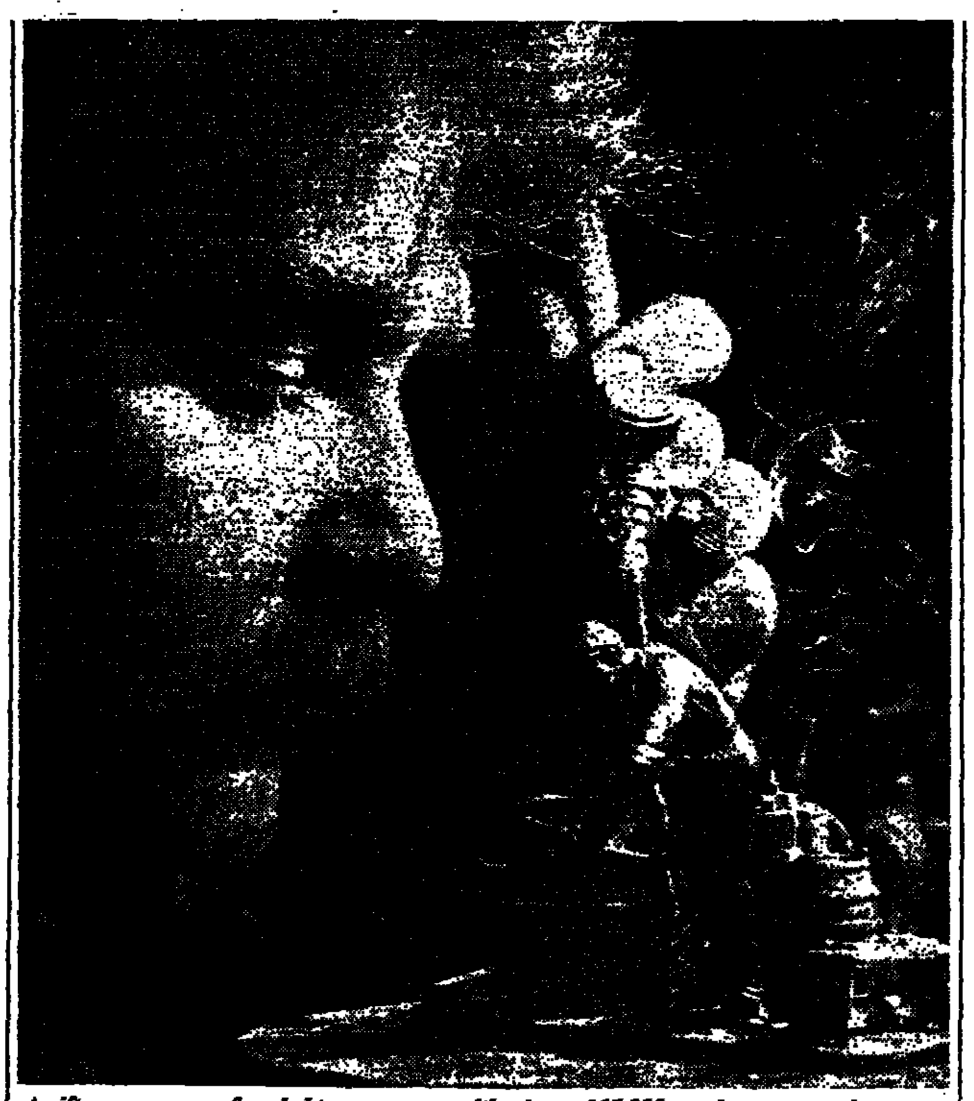

A giftware company founded two years ago with a loan of £5,000 now has an annual turnover of more than £500,000. Evergreen Studios, of Birmingham, produces silver-plated figures of Victorian characters (craftsman Steve Cullen, aged 26, is seen working on a model of a cooper) and exports them as far afield as Japan. *Mr Christopher Davis, who started the* company, said: "We have created about 25 jobs. The figures have been very well received."
(Photograph: Philip Dunn)

Scarcity of money threatens survival of Welsh opera

By Jonathan Miller, Media Correspondent

The Welsh National Opera is living beyond its means and must achieve big economies *and identify new sources of* finance to survive, according to a report commissioned by the Welsh Arts Council.

The report, prepared by Deloitte, Haskins and Sells, the accounting and manage*ment consultancy, says that* "unless the opera achieves a balanced budget we question the future existence".

To achieve financial stability, the opera must adopt a more dynamic approach to increase income, particularly from sponsorship. The opera's management structure needs review, and there is a require*ment for "a significant* strengthening of individual manager accountability".

To improve forward planning, the opera requires funding commitments from the Welsh Arts Council and Arts Council of Great Britain three years in advance, the report says. The opera at present receives funds on an annual basis.

Mr Adrian Trickey, financial director of the opera, said yesterday the report identifies "many good ideas" for improving the financial position of the opera, but did not provide a simple solution for retiring the £500,000 "hard core deficit".

In the financial year to March 31, the opera's income was £6.2 million, of which *£2.4 million came from the* Arts Council and £1.6 million from the Welsh Arts Council. Box office receipts were £1.4 million and other income was £425,000. The deficit for the year is expected to be £200,000. Expected increases in grants of 2.7 per cent for the new financial year will not cover expected inflation.

● *Mr Malcolm Rifkind,* Secretary of State for Scotland, said last night that sponsorship of the arts in Scotland increased by 2.5 per cent to £1,300,634 in the financial year to March 31.

Oil companies and banks were the biggest benefactors, followed by distillers and brewers and insurance companies. The biggest beneficiaries of sponsorship were the Scottish Opera, Ballet, National Orchestra, Chamber Orchestra, and various arts festivals.

● The London Festival Ballet *will present* Frederick Ashton's production of *Romeo and Juliet* to Prokofiev's score at the Mayflower Theatre, Southampton, from May 4 to 9; the Apollo Theatre, Oxford, May 11 to 16; the Empire, Liverpool, May 26 to 30, and the Hippodrome, Birmingham, June 1 to 6.

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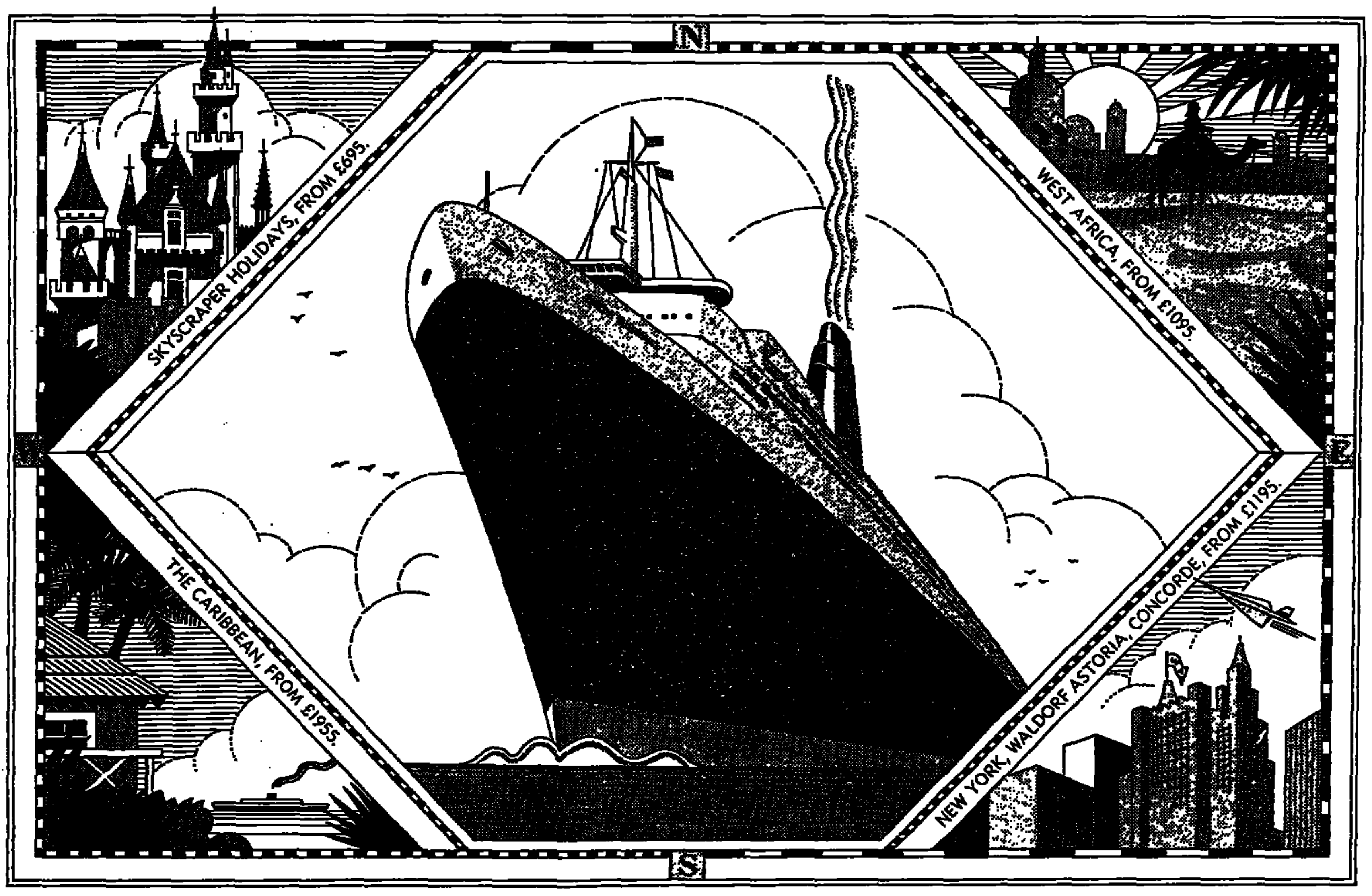

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WORLD SUMMARY

Terrorism fall after Libya attack

Washington — International terrorist incidents declined slightly in 1986, with a sharp drop in such activity in Western Europe, according to State Department figures (Mohsin Ali writes).

There were 737 such incidents last year, 48 fewer than in 1985, a Senate sub-committee was told by Mr Paul Bremer, the ambassador-at-large for counter-terrorism. A year ago, it appeared that terrorism in 1986 would grow at the rate of between 30 and 40 percent of previous years, he said.

But a "dramatic decline" followed the US attack on Libya on April 15. There were 150 incidents of international terrorism in Western Europe last year, compared to 218 in 1985. "Some of this decline can undoubtedly be traced to stepped up security precautions and to measures Europeans took to expel Libyans."

Pretoria rally ban

Pretoria yesterday banned a rally which the Congress of South African Trade Unions (Cosatu) had planned to hold in Soweto tomorrow to launch a campaign in support of a "living wage" and a call to employers not to deduct tax from workers' pay (Michael Hornsby writes).

Announcing plans for the rally *this* week, Cosatu's general secretary, Mr Jay Naidoo, said: "We have never been consulted about taxes and are not represented in the Parliament which levies them. Why should we pay them?"

Sentences reduced

Jerusalem — President Herzog of Israel has commuted the life sentences imposed on three members of the "Jewish Underground" for killing Arab students in Hebron (Ian Murray writes).

The three will now serve 24-year terms with the right of up to one third remission as well as occasional home leave. Only eight of the 24 Underground members sentenced in 1985 are still in prison. The President agreed to review the life terms after five months of right-wing demonstrations.

Patriarch is cleared

Jerusalem — Archbishop Diodorus, the Greek Orthodox patriarch of Jerusalem, has been cleared of trying to smuggle 9.5 lbs of heroin and 6 lbs of gold into Israel from Jordan in his official car (Ian Murray writes).

The gold was found in the air filter and the drugs in different hiding places in the vehicle when it was searched at the Allenby Bridge on February 13. At that time a court order banned publication of any report of the case, pending a full police investigation.

After being held for three weeks for questioning the car's driver, Mr Fuad Hussein, has been released on bail while police inquiries continue.

Lee sues for libel

Kuala Lumpur — Mr Lee Kuan Yew, the Singapore Prime Minister, yesterday started a libel action here against a Malaysian newspaper group (M. G. G.Pillai writes).

The move comes after the *Sunday Star* published two critical articles on Singapore arising out of the suicide of a senior Singapore Cabinet minister who had been investigated for corruption. A spokesman for the group said it would defend the action.

Brooke dies

Brooke Matthews, aged seven, whose father robbed an Australian hamburger bar to pay for a life-saving operation for her, has died in hospital in Melbourne, two years after she became the youngest-ever heart and lung transplant patient (Our Foreign Staff writes).

The operation was performed by Mr Magdi Yacoub and a team of 20 doctors in Harefield Hospital, London, in March 1985, and donations came from all over Australia.

The abuse of power

Wellington (Reuter) — The New Zealand Prime Minister, Mr David Lange, left, says the sight of him brings out the worst in motorists, who sometimes try to nudge him off the road, drive alongside for a better look or make obscene gestures.

Mr Lange made the point in a letter to a court to support his chauffeur, Mr Anthony Healy, aged 54, who pleaded guilty yesterday to driving without reasonable consideration for other road users and was fined £35.

Cleared arms logjam steals Thatcher's thunder

By Robin Oakley
Political Editor

Mr Mikhail Gorbachov's offer to scrap his insistence on linkage with Star Wars and to do a deal on scrapping intermediate nuclear missiles in Europe has wrong-footed Mrs Thatcher. She was to have gone to Moscow as the Western leader who would break the logjam on arms control but now it has been broken already.

The Intermediate Nuclear Forces deal bristles with problems for Mrs Thatcher. Her Government invested much political capital in welcoming the installation of cruise and Pershing missiles in Europe, urging their deployment to keep Nato's response flexible and to soothe political fears of US detachment.

Whitehall sees the threat to Nato summed up by General Bernard Rogers: "If medium-range missiles were cut to zero and nothing were done to reduce Soviet superiority in shorter-range nuclear and conventional forces then we would be worse off than in 1979."

Mrs Thatcher shares with Dr David Owen, the SDP leader, a suspicion of the Soviet attempt to create a nuclear-free Europe while it, as a European-Asian state, retains nuclear weapons.

She is not comfortable with the zero option whereas President Reagan, as the man who first mooted the idea in 1981, has fewer inhibitions at a time when he needs to dig himself out of the Irangate/Contras hole.

Her first reaction to the Gorbachov offer was noticeably more grudging than that of other Western leaders. Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, and Mr George Younger, the Defence Secretary, had to win her round gradually to a position where she is not making the blessing of any INF deal conditional upon an accompanying short-range nuclear weapons treaty.

The formula that the Prime Minister is prepared to accept now is that she will bless an INF agreement so long as there is an understanding that there will be at that point a freeze on short-range weapons and immediate talks about their reduction as well.

But the Russians will be putting pressure on her to agree to put the British nuclear deterrent on the table in arms reduction talks, something she is determined to resist until there has been a fundamental change in the superpower stocks of strategic weapons.

Switching from megaphone to microphone diplomacy will not be easy. Mrs Thatcher has made her reputation as the Iron Lady, tough on defence. She is respected for that and it wins votes but there is a growing desire in Britain for genuine progress on arms reduction.

There is a wide instinct that Mr Gorbachov is trying to do things in Russia which should be encouraged, that he may not have too much time and that he needs to be helped to show results.

The Prime Minister cannot afford to come back from Moscow looking like a nit-picker. Nor can it pay her, Tory strategists admit, to be seen as the mere messenger girl of a tarnished American president.

That is why a flight on to Washington would be unwise. And that is why Mrs Thatcher's close and public consultation in advance with the French, Germans and Italians has been clever.

She has ensured that she is not seen just as Mr Reagan's ally but as the voice of Europe too.

On human rights questions she may not be able to do much more than gesture. Though it does not figure on her official programme, no one would be surprised by a meeting between the Prime Minister and Mr Andrei Sakharov.

However, she does not intend to go high profile on the treatment of Soviet Jewry or the release of political prisoners. As past Prime Ministers have found, the way to do good is to raise cases privately with the Soviet authorities, not to embarrass them publicly.

Galling though it may be in an election year the best way to achieve results is by stealth. In terms of obvious election brownie points then, that leaves Mrs Thatcher with trade. And there she should be able to score.

The groundwork has been done with great care. When Mr Gorbachov came to Britain in December 1984 he talked of a 40-50 per cent increase in Anglo-Soviet trade. In February Britain and the Soviet Union quietly signed a long-term credit and financing arrangement under which the Export Credits Guarantee Department will support an unlimited amount of UK exports over the next four years.

A Russian Government which has laid down as much red carpet as this one has chosen to do for Mrs Thatcher's visit, despite the occasional growl at her rhetoric, is unlikely to send her away empty-handed in terms of contracts.

Nor would Mrs Thatcher be opening the new offices of the British/Soviet Chamber of Commerce unless she had some good news to impart.

But Anglo-Soviet trade agreements do not always work out that well. The £1 billion arrangement by the Wilson Government in 1970 lapsed 10 years later without producing anything like its cost in extra business.

Gorbachov puts end to 10-year decline of the Soviet economy

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

The Soviet Union's shaky economy had its best performance in a decade last year under the new policies of Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, according to a study by American intelligence agencies.

Several factors made it "a very good year": the best grain harvest since 1958; increased industrial production because of Mr Gorbachov's anti-alcohol campaign; tighter discipline; better management and a turnaround in the long decline in oil production.

The Central Intelligence Agency and the Defence Intelligence Agency said the economy grew by more than 4 per cent, breaking a decade-long slump in which Gross National Product growth averaged just over 2 per cent.

They predicted a 2-3 per cent annual increase in GNP until 1990. While better than the recent past, that would still be insufficient to solve all the nation's economic problems and could lead to new battles over allocation of resources, greater reliance on foreign economic ties and a drive for even more ambitious reforms.

"Despite the opposition shown to some of his policies, Gorbachov is likely to benefit politically from his modernization programme over the next few years," the study says. "As long as the economy shows some improvement over the record posted in the recent past — which seems probable — Gorbachov will be in position to declare his programme a success."

But the report also warned that Mr Gorbachov's course was inherently risky and that things could easily go wrong.

The analysis, which was made public by the congressional joint economic committee, indicates that Mr Gorbachov faces increasingly difficult decisions, and the possibility of rising political and bureaucratic opposition, as his programme encounters fundamental limitations and challenges several years from now.

Some American analysts believe Mr Gorbachov is likely to be ousted in three or four years if he continues in his present path.

"I don't think he can last four years," Mr Marshall Goldman of Harvard University's Russian Research Institute told a congressional hearing this week. "He is moving so fast. He is stepping on so many toes." There is general agreement among Sovietologists here that economic performance is likely to determine his fate.

The study said that alcohol sales plunged by 37 per cent last year. Food supplies improved and housing construction was up 4.4 per cent, the best in 20 years. Overall military spending at constant prices increased by 3 per cent in 1986, compared with 2 per cent for recent years.

Despite improvements, the study concluded that the Soviet Union is at least eight years behind the United States in such technology as mini-computers, microprocessors, computer-orientated machine tools and mainframes, and lags by 10 to 12 years in supercomputers.

"We expect Moscow to continue its massive efforts to steal Western technology," the study concluded.

Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, chatting with President Reagan during their meeting at the White House yesterday.

US patience with Europe wears thin

Washington View
By Christopher Thomas

In the past fortnight the US has watched its Defence Secretary trying to convince a hostile Spain not to kick out thousands of GIs. It has heard Greece bitterly complaining that the US gives too much military and other aid to arch-rival Turkey. It has seen Britain, France and West Germany grow increasingly nervous about a possible superpower breakthrough on Euro-missiles.

America is exasperated. Whatever it does, someone in Europe raises a cry.

Thousands of Spaniards are shown on television marching with anti-American banners. The Greeks are threatening to get rid of American bases after 1988. And Mrs Thatcher, of all people, is getting difficult over the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty.

What, America asks, is Europe up to? It wishes desperately that it spoke with fewer voices. It was heartened last week by Sir Geoffrey Howe's call for a European "common voice", but doubts it will do much good. It hears the European left screaming for the removal of Euro-missiles while the European right privately expresses reservations about such a move, although publicly lauding it. Just how is the US supposed to tiptoe through it all? It is a cry of sadness, as much as exasperation.

The Administration was confused by the intense, fragmented and muddled reaction of Europe to the Reykjavik summit. Now it is worried by the hesitant response both of Mrs Thatcher and Chancellor Kohl of West Germany to the prospects of removing Pershing 2 and cruise missiles from Europe under a superpower accord on medium-range missiles. But didn't they shout a jubilant hurrah when President Reagan unveiled the zero-zero option in 1981?

European hostility to President Reagan's desire to adopt a new, broader interpretation of the ABM Treaty also rankles. Mr Kenneth Adelman, head of the US Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, snarled angrily at Europe: "I really don't think they have any qualifications for telling us what is the right interpretation." Europeans were insulted, but Administration officials were privately delighted that somebody at last had the nerve to say it.

Anger towards Europe is running deep. It pervades much of the Administration and Capitol Hill. Mr Richard Perle, the hawkish, outgoing Assistant Secretary of Defence, touched the mood of the White House when he said the allies were mealy-mouthed and pusillanimous in refusing to confront the Soviet Union with accusations of cheating and bad faith.

It is a difficult time. The alliance is in flux. American impatience with the allies is reflected in questions being asked here about Nato's longer-term shape. Is Europe going to pull its weight? Is America constantly to be harangued by ungrateful allies? How can the US steer a path through the increasing diversity of European views on international security?

For now, most members of Congress continue to support the present American troop strength in Europe. That position has not changed since Senator Sam Nunn (Democrat) became chairman of the Senate armed services committee in January. He once advocated substantial troop reductions but is silent on that question now.

But calls to bring home some of the boys are increasingly heard, mostly on cost grounds. Lingering bitterness over the near trade war with Europe early this year also underlies much of the greater questioning of America's costly Nato commitments.

Other looming disputes — such as West Germany's barriers to US telecommunications equipment — will further sour the atmosphere.

The Pentagon is worried by these spreading sentiments. A quiet campaign is under way at the Department of Defence to bolster public commitment to the alliance and, indeed, to persuade Congress that troop strength abroad should be increased by 2,450 to man new weapons systems like the ground-launched cruise missile. The proposed increase would exceed a congressional ceiling of 326,414 US troops in Europe established in 1985.

Mr Caspar Weinberger, the Defence Secretary, angrily assailed Mr Zbigniew Brzezinski, former President Carter's National Security Adviser, for suggesting the recall of 100,000 soldiers from Europe as a cost-cutting exercise. And he was angered by a call for troop reductions by Representative Patricia Schroeder, a member of the House armed services committee, who said America was "Uncle Sucker" to Europe.

A budget-obsessed Capitol Hill has developed a certain sympathy for these lonely voices of dissent, although for now it is not going to start calling GIs home. But the sound of sniping and complaining from across the Atlantic makes a lot of Americans wonder why.

New York police break gang

From Charles Bremner
New York

New York police said they have virtually dismantled a notoriously violent Irish-American gang known as the Westies after the arrest of eight of its alleged leaders and two of their wives on charges of murder and racketeering on contract to a powerful Mafia family.

Mr Robert Colangelo, Chief Detective for the New York Police Department, said the Westies, based in the old Irish ghetto of Hell's Kitchen on Manhattan's West Side, had been "all but eliminated as an organized crime mob" after indictments on Thursday.

Mr Colangelo said police had documented at least 30 murders committed by the gang in the past 20 years.

Charged as the Westies' boss was Mr James Coonan, aged 41, who faces allegations of responsibility for the attempted murder of the deputy head of the carpenters' union, Mr John O'Connor, last May under a Mafia contract.

Mr Coonan and his wife, Edna, 44, were also charged with operating a money-lending racket with Mr Roy Demeo, a leading member of the Gambino family who was murdered in 1983. The Westies are said to have close links with the Gambinos, whose boss, Paul Castellano, was murdered while on trial with other family members for a series of crimes committed by the Demeo gang.

Mr Rudolph Giuliani, New York's federal prosecutor, brought the case against the Westies as part of a crackdown that is said by police to have crippled the Mafia families who dominated organized crime in the city.

Aegean confrontation

Turkey wants half islands' oil

From Mario Modiano, Athens

Greece and Turkey have been unable to agree on the demarcation of their continental shelf in the Aegean Sea where there are signs of substantial oil deposits.

Greece is already pumping about 28,000 barrels a day from its waters off Thassos, one of 600 islands under its control there.

Turkey would be entitled to a mere 2.5 per cent of the shelf under existing international law. It argues that islands have no continental shelf and that the Aegean seabed, outside national waters, should be divided equally between the two countries.

The Turkish Government has been careful not to be a signatory of treaties providing that islands are entitled to a continental shelf, such as the 1958 Geneva Convention and the more recent Law of the Sea.

The latest Greek-Turkish confrontation in nothing new: almost 10 years ago, the Ankara Government despatched the same research vessel, Sismik I, it has now sent to the Aegean for seismic tests in the hunt for oil deposits.

The two countries went on a war footing, but the crisis was defused when the UN Security Council urged restaint and negotiations for a peaceful settlement.

A protocol signed in Berne in 1976 laid ground rules for the talks and imposed a moratorium on unilateral actions that might disrupt the dialogue.

When, earlier this month, the international consortium exploiting the oil wells of Thassos announced plans to drill a promising new well east of the island and outside Greek waters, the Athens Government took over majority control of the company.

The move was evidently prompted by fears that any such action by the foreign group outside Greek waters might cause friction with Turkey. However, the Turkish Government chose to interpret this as a preparation by Greece to start drilling in the disputed continental shelf and accused Athens of violating the Berne protocol. Greece considers that the moratorium lapsed when negotiations broke off in 1981.

Greek proposals to refer the matter to the International Court of Justice have been rejected by Turkey.

Build-up to Sismik's sailing orders

March 1974: Crisis over Turkish claims on Aegean continental shelf after oil is discovered off Thassos.

July 1974: Turkish landing in Cyprus. Greece orders a general mobilization. Greek junta falls. Greece and Turkey agree to refer the continental shelf issue to the International Court of Justice. Turkey reneges. Greece fortifies the Aegean islands in defiance of the treaties. Greece suspends all civilian flights across the Aegean.

April 1976: Turkey rejects non-aggression pact. Greece mobilizes.

November 1976: Greece and Turkey agree in Bern on a protocol establishing a moratorium in the Aegean during their negotiations.

1977-1979: Turkey challenges the 10-mile Greek air space in the Aegean.

February 1980: Civilian flights across the Aegean resumed. Turkey lifts its veto to Greece's re-entry in Nato's military wing. Negotiations are broken off after massive Turkish air violations.

1982: The Greek Government offers Turkey an "olive branch". A moratorium is agreed to stop air violations.

1983: Greece refuses to negotiate new arrangements for Nato air defence in the Aegean. Greek-Turkish talks on trade and tourism broken off when the Turkish Cypriots secede.

1984: Greece boycotts Nato manoeuvres in the Aegean because the alliance bows to Turkey's demand for the demilitarization of Lemnos island.

1985-1986: Tensions increase because of Turkish air violations and hostility on both sides.

1987: Greeks decides to nationalize the Thasos oil wells. Turkey orders the Sismik 1 into the Aegean.

City happy at Chirac the Mayor

From Susan MacDonald
Paris

M Jacques Chirac, the Prime Minister of France, may have his difficulties but M Jacques Chirac, the Mayor of Paris, is a popular man.

Yesterday M Chirac celebrated 10 years as mayor by blowing out 10 candles on a giant birthday cake at his Hôtel de Ville office. An opinion poll published for the occasion shows that 68 per cent of citizens think that their city is well run.

How does he manage to combine the two seemingly full-time jobs? Firstly, he has maintained his image as mayor by continuing to live with his wife in the sumptuous apartments in the Hôtel de Ville, going to the "office" at the Hôtel Matignon at nine o'clock each morning. Secondly, his energy is well known.

Actually, says one of his advisers, life as mayor has become less onerous since he became Prime Minister, for the two jobs can often overlap.

There is no doubt that being mayor has been a marvellous springboard for again becoming Prime Minister and there is nothing in the rules to say he cannot do both jobs.

M Chirac was re-elected for a six-year term in 1983. However, although the jobs of Prime Minister and mayor are compatible, those of President of the Republic and Mayor of Paris are not, and he is expected to run for the presidency next year.

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East Germany releases 80 political prisoners to West

From John England
Bonn

East Germany this week released 80 political prisoners to West Germany, it was disclosed yesterday, as top-level talks in East Berlin between the two countries ended with both sides seeing good chances of improving relations.

The West German Ministry for Inner-German Relations said the prisoners, including 25 women, were released at the border on Wednesday and taken to the Federal Refugee Reception Centre at Giessen, near Frankfurt. Herr Alex Stute, a spokesman for the Ministry, said they included people who had tried to escape from East Germany and others who had helped escapers.

The releases were made under Bonn's "bodies for money" trade with East Berlin which has continued since 1963, two years after the Berlin Wall was built. A total of 1,500 prisoners were freed from East German jails last year, about 500 fewer than in 1985.

Bonn is believed to have paid East Germany more than £800 million in money and goods during the last 24 years for the release of more than 20,000 prisoners. But West German Government officials will never give details.

One official yesterday would say only: "East Germany will be compensated in the usual way." News of the releases came as Herr Wolfgang Schäuble, the State Minister to the Bonn Chancellery, spoke to reporters in East Berlin after talks with Herr Erich Honecker, the East German leader.

Herr Schäuble said both sides agreed that links between them had developed positively despite "difficult times", and that both would use the opportunities to deepen them, which were offered by the now better international climate. Both German states also had the will to contribute to improvements in East-West relations as a whole, he said.

Herr Schäuble said his two hours of talks with Herr Honecker, which followed a meeting on Thursday with Herr Oskar Fischer, the East German Foreign Minister, had covered a number of important points on disarmament and arms control, upon which there was general agreement.

Above all, East and West Germany were "at one" in supporting the zero option on medium-range missiles in Europe and would press the superpowers to reach an early agreement on these weapons.

● **Guards escape:** Two young East German border guards fled into Bavaria early yesterday, the Bavarian Frontier Police reported.

Both men, aged 20 and 24, were in full uniform and one of them brought his Soviet-made machine-pistol and ammunition with him. Two other East German guards of about the same age crossed into Bavaria on Wednesday

Barcelona car bomb kills policeman

Police and firemen examining the wreckage left by a car bomb which killed one Spanish paramilitary Civil Guard and seriously injured four others in Barcelona's port area yesterday. A total of 15 people, including passers by, were injured and more than a dozen vehicles damaged.

The authorities immediately suspected that the explosion was the work of Eta, the Basque separatist organization, which exploded three car bombs last year in Barcelona (Richard Wigg writes from Madrid). The most serious, which was similar in many ways to yesterday's attack, was in October, only days before the capital of Catalonia was chosen as host city for the 1992 Olympic Games. Barcelona police said that the powerful explosive device, made of Goma 2 and nuts and bolts, had been placed in a small van and activated from somewhere near a Civil Guard post, which keeps a check on the movement of merchandise in and out of the port.

Swedish drugs investigation

Evidence could clear officer

By Stewart Tendler and Christopher Mosey, Stockholm

Swedish drugs investigators have uncovered evidence which could prove the innocence of Captain Simon Hayward, the Life Guards officer accused of smuggling £500,000 of cannabis, the officer's lawyer said yesterday.

Mr Tom Placht, Captain Hayward's lawyer, is to talk to his client this weekend about the new evidence before deciding how to use it in court.

Mr Placht said yesterday: "The prosecution case has unearthed evidence that supports Captain Hayward's assertion that he is not guilty."

The lawyer said he had halted an appeal against the captain's remand in custody because of the evidence.

The next step might be to use it as part of an appeal to the Swedish High Court or to wait in the hope that the police case against the soldier will collapse leaving the public prosecutor's office to recommend his freedom.

A Swedish police spokeswoman said she could not comment on Mr Placht's remarks. She confirmed that police are still very keen to see his elder brother, Christopher, who is thought to be in France from where he telephoned police when he learned of the arrest.

The captain was driving his brother's car when 110 lbs of cannabis were found by a Swedish police sniffer dog.

Mr Hayward has disappeared from Ibiza, in southern Spain, where he is reported to have kept a luxury yacht at one time. Although Mr Hayward had the appearance of a hippie he is said to have carried large of amounts of cash.

Twelve people including Captain Hayward and Mr Cay Forbes Mitchell, aged 36, of Aberdeen, who has lived in Ibiza for the past six years, were remanded in custody this week in Uppsala on charges of violating Swedish drug laws.

They were caught in an investigation which stretches back to Spain and Morocco. North Africa has become an important source for cannabis traffickers in Europe who smuggle the drug across the Mediterranean.

Captain Hayward, who was on leave at the time of his arrest, was stopped with Mr Forbes Mitchell on March 13 on a road near the town of Motala, in central Sweden. Both men were arrested by drug squad officers. It is alleged the cannabis was found in secret compartments under the right hand seat of the green English-registered car.

Interpol was asked to assist in an investigation earlier this year when a suspected Uppsala drugs courier was traced to southern Spain. His contact is alleged to have been Mr Mitchell, aged 36, who described himself as an artist and is said to have arrived in Stockholm by train at the beginning of March.

It is alleged Mr Mitchell was seen getting into Captain Hayward's car in a Swedish town and a senior investigator said it was the first time they had any idea Captain Hayward might have been involved.

"We were very surprised – he scarcely looked the part."

Strike-hit tourists fly to Rock

From Our Own Correspondent
Madrid

British and Scandinavian charter airlines switched Spanish-bound holidaymakers' flights to Gibraltar airport yesterday to avoid the effects of a one-day strike by Spanish airlines' ground staff.

Hundreds of tourists who had been scheduled to arrive at Málaga airport were later taken in coaches to their destinations along the Costa del Sol.

The diversion to Gibraltar came only a day after another round of Anglo-Spanish talks in Madrid in pursuit of a formula for the joint use of Gibraltar's airport.

Almost a quarter of a million passengers were affected yesterday by transport strikes, which also included a stoppage on the state-run railways. The protest movement is aimed at breaching the Socialist Government's 5 per cent pay ceiling for this year. Railway and airline workers are now threatening to disrupt the Easter holiday.

Stage set for Spain's olive oil 'trial of century'

From Richard Wigg
Madrid

Thirty-eight Spanish olive oil merchants and industrial chemists go on trial here on Monday to answer charges of responsibility for causing the deaths of 584 people and injuring 24,992 others by preparing and selling adulterated oil. It is already billed as "the trial of the century".

Thousands of surviving victims still suffer from grave respiratory difficulties, acute muscular cramps and other disabilities.

They will be following the trial of those who allegedly sold to them — at attractive prices as "pure olive oil" for cooking — imported rapeseed oil stained with aniline dyes.

This rapeseed oil, intended solely for industrial use, was doctored with fatal consequences. The trial is expected to last between four and six months.

The case of Europe's worst public health disaster in recent times reaches the courts almost six years after the first victim, an eight-year-old boy, died from what was then considered mysterious causes.

No public health or government official has so far been ordered to stand trial. Arguing the extreme complexity of the case, Spanish magistrates are still investigating the officials' conduct separately.

The exact biochemical agent which was the positive cause of what has become known as the *"colza (rapeseed) affair"*, has still not been identified. But the World Health Organization, after years of investigation by international experts, has pronounced the adulterated cooking oil as the vehicle of the disaster.

"They have smashed up our lives. No one can exaggerate what we have had to suffer," Señora Caridad Carretero, a 41-year-old mother, told *The Times* at her home in Leganes, one of the working class dormitory towns around Madrid. Her health and that of her now backward 15-year-old son has been ruined.

Formerly a robust cleaning woman, she still needs daily help.

Three judges from Madrid's Audencia Nacional will hear the case.

According to the prosecution, eight principal accused established, despite knowing of the oil's high toxic risk, a network for distributing more than 110 metric tons of the oil in six consignments during early 1981. Itinerant vendors, kept in ignorance of this fact, took the oil to customers in the high-rise flats of Madrid's dormitory towns.

Lawyers for all the accused, variously charged with manslaughter, causing grievous bodily harm, fraud, and falsification of trade marks and business documents, will largely base the defence on the absence of medical proof.

Dutch link to IRA car bomb

Rotterdam (AP) — The alleged IRA terrorist who planted a bomb last Monday at the British Army headquarters in West Germany which injured 31 people, including four Britons, is thought by police there to be hiding in The Netherlands, a Dutch newspaper reported yesterday.

The report, which appeared in the Rotterdam newspaper *Algemeen Dagblad*, said the West German Federal Crime Office in Wiesbaden believed the bomber was an Irish national living in The Netherlands.

Responsibility for the planting of the 220 lb bomb in a car parked outside an officers' mess at the Rheindahlen headquarters was claimed by the IRA.

The West German authorities disclosed yesterday that a 1978 red-brown Volvo 244, in which the bomb was left, was bought in The Netherlands on March 11 by a man carrying an Irish passport in the name of a Mr Heaney. The buyer told the Dutch seller that he lived in The Netherlands, according to Herr Alexander Prechtel, a spokesman for the Federal Public Prosecutor's Office in Karlsruhe.

● BONN: A British Army battledress of camouflaged smock and trousers was found on Wednesday in a wastepaper bin on the West German-Dutch border only a few miles from Rheindahlen, the Federal Public Prosecutor's Office reported later yesterday (John England writes).

Herr Prechtel said: "We do not know yet if it has any connection with the bomb attack, but our forensic experts are examining it for possible clues."

Briton's killer is jailed

Alicante (AP) — A Spanish martial arts instructor was jailed for 21 years and three months here for stabbing to death Mr Basil Barlow, a British tourist, on a Mediterranean beach last year.

The sentence on Francisco Leiva, aged 23, included time for injuring Mrs Ruth Barlow, the victim's wife.

Pope threat

Sharpes, Florida (AP) — A man who wrote to the Pope threatening to kill him if he was denied admittance to a seminary, has been charged with extortion and making a death threat.

Visit off

Tokyo (AFP) — Mother Teresa has cancelled a visit to Asia and Australia for health reasons, the sponsors of the Japanese leg of her trip said.

Envoy leaves

Tokyo — Mr Abebe Kebede, Ethiopia's former Ambassador to Japan, has left for political asylum in the United States with his wife and five children.

Tax guilt

Washington — Mr Robert Anderson, the Treasury Secretary under President Eisenhower, has pleaded guilty to charges of illegally operating a Caribbean bank and evading taxes on personal income.

Tank death

Hanover (Reuter) — A British soldier drowned but two others escaped unhurt when their tank went into a water hole during routine exercises.

Prince of Wales plans Kalahari walkabout

By Alan Hamilton

The Prince of Wales will go walkabout in the Kalahari Desert of Botswana next month at the end of a tour of development projects in east and southern Africa which he began yesterday in Mbabane, Swaziland.

He will be accompanied by Sir Laurens van der Post, aged 80, author of *The Lost World Of The Kalahari*, who has for some years been a close friend and spiritual mentor of the Prince. The visit is described by Buckingham Palace as private. The Prince and his companion hope to shake off newsmen and all but the most essential officials, to spend several days camping and sightseeing.

But they are not expected to make contact with the celebrated Kalahari bushmen, whom Sir Laurens has studied closely and whose simple and self-sufficient lifestyle has become an integral part of his philosophy.

Before that the Prince will visit Malawi and Kenya to inspect projects funded by the Commonwealth Development Corporation (CDC), which this year expects to invest well over £100 million in agricultural and industrial enterprises in the Third World, and of which the Prince is a non-executive director.

The CDC, set up by the Attlee Government in 1948, invests about 10 per cent of the total British overseas aid budget.

In Swaziland, the Prince will meet the young and recently-enthroned King, and will attend a colourful jamboree of bare-breasted maidens in the national stadium.

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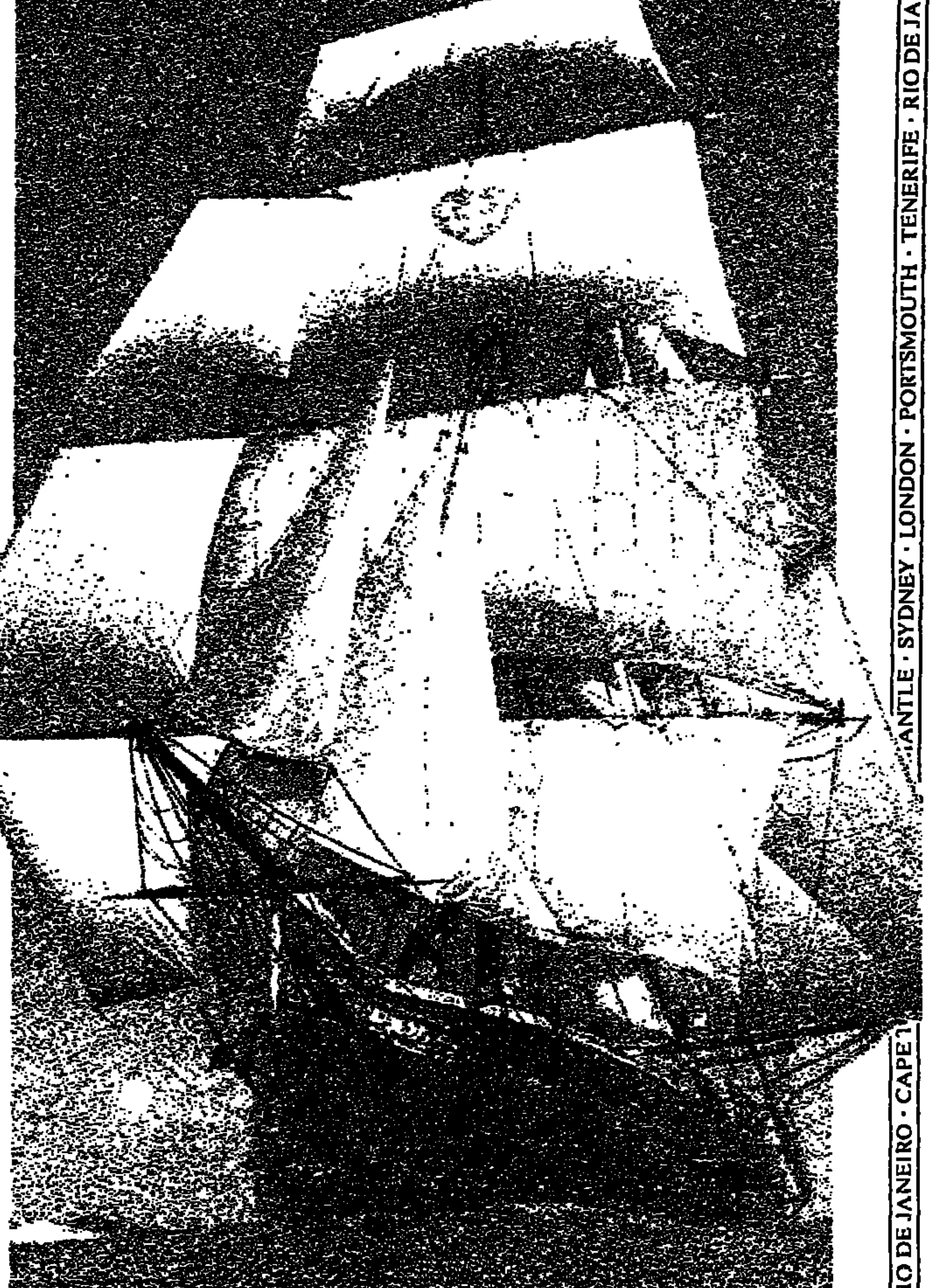

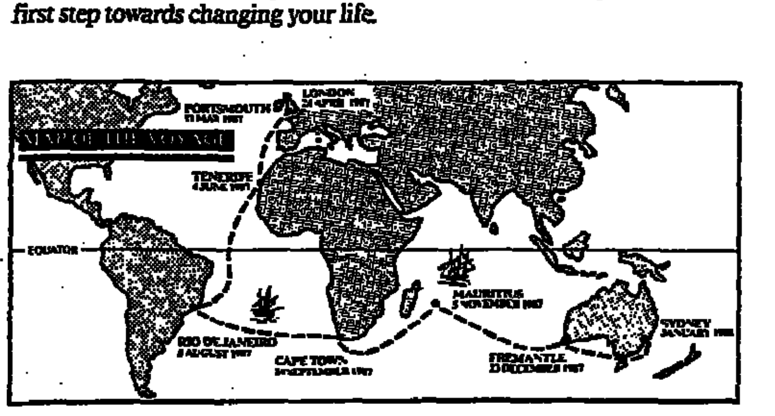
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Sarney faces crisis as rampant inflation hits jobs and commerce

**From Mac Margolis
Rio de Janeiro**

Senhor João Avila, aged 47, a father of two who holds a comfortable job as a systems analyst at the Brazilian Ministry of Agriculture, is not by habit a rabble rouser.

But last week he hoisted a banner atop his car and passed repeatedly before the modernistic presidential palace in Brasilia calling on compatriots not to pay their income tax. His battle cry was: "I cannot pay my income taxes to the sacrifice of my family."

For the next several days, Senhor Avila's phone rang constantly with sympathetic calls. The *Jornal da Tarde*, a leading São Paulo daily, bolstered the tax boycott in a full-page advertisement.

In a mill town in the central state of Minas Gerais, shoemakers with falling orders laid off 5,000 factory hands and then blocked a highway to call attention to their plight.

In Brasilia, small businessmen warned that if the Government did not act soon to contain the 14 per cent monthly inflation rate and 500-plus per cent interest level on bank loans, nearly a million new small businesses could be driven into bankruptcy.

Last month President Sarney stopped payments on the country's $108 billion (£67.5 billion) foreign debt to avoid massive unemployment and the sacrifice of economic development to the demands of foreign creditors.

Now, however, there are indications that the investment-starved economy has taken a nose-dive and scores of workers are being put out on the street. With creditors clamouring and austerity measures closing in, Brazilians in both white-collar and blue-collar jobs have grown increasingly disgruntled and Senhor Sarney's Government is feeling the heat.

Leading members of Congress have attacked the Government's apparent immobility as both inflation and recession set in.

Twenty-three state governors, sworn in on March 15, demanded relief from insolvent state banks, mountainous debts and budgets larded with "phantom" employees. Federal ministers are bickering among themselves. More ominously, for the first time members of the armed forces have publicly criticized the Government.

President Sarney of Brazil will shuffle his Cabinet next month but will keep Senhor Dilson Funaro as his Finance Minister, a presidential source said yesterday (Reuter reports from Brasilia). The shuffle, expected since the departure of the Minister of Planning, Senhor João Sayad, *eight days* ago, is due within the next two to three weeks, the source said. There were rumours circulating this week that Senhor Funaro was on his way out, but this was denied by both the President and the minister.

Earlier this month, 60,000 petrol workers struck at dozens of oil refineries and 40,000 dockworkers closed down the country's main ports for several days. Brasilia answered by dispatching 3,000 troops and tanks to the nation's refineries.

Senhor Funaro: Will stay on as Finance Minister.

The strikes ended, remarkably, without major incidents, but the Government's show of force apparently did not impress. Some 750,000 bank workers went on strike yesterday, paralysing the nation's financial system and demanding a 100 per cent pay rise. Trade unions have threatened more strikes.

Pressure is also mounting outside Brazil. Creditor banks are pressing the country to resume debt payments and have balked at long-term debt talks, as long as the country rejects monitoring by the International Monetary Fund. The president of the Central Bank, Senhor Francisco Gros, meeting creditors in Miami, has appealed for banks to renew $16 billion in short-term credit lines, vital to import and export operations, which expire on March 31.

Stung into action, the beleaguered Government has begun to make some moves to stem the crisis. Last week the Planning Minister, Senhor João Sayad, one of the last founders of the failed Cruzado reform in government, was dismissed after details of a new austerity plan were leaked to the press. More heads are sure to roll.

Senhor Sarney met with 24 leading industrialists at a barbecue on a farm in São Paulo state last weekend to hear their complaints.

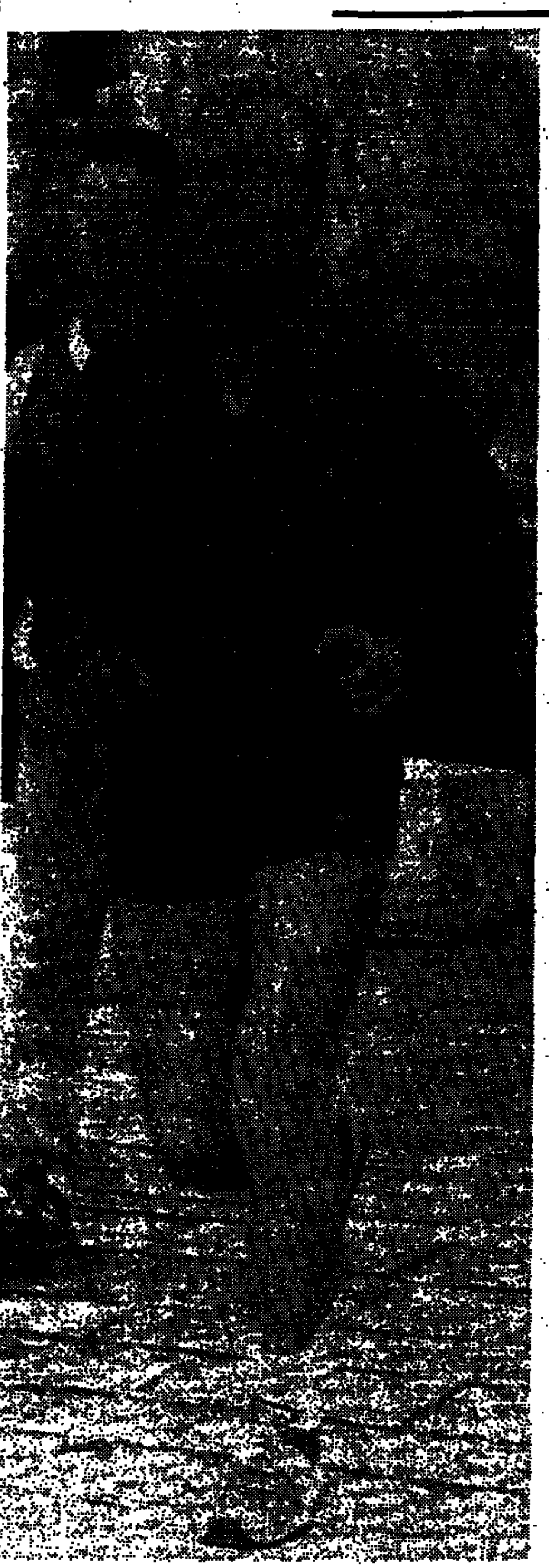
The business leaders, in opposition to the "hard line" stance of the Finance Minister, Senhor Dilson Funaro, urged reapproximation with the International Monetary Fund. Senhor Funaro was not invited to the barbecue.

Perhaps the most crucial decision, though, is outside of the President's grasp. Thrust unexpectedly into office in 1985 when the President-elect suddenly died, Senhor Sarney still does not know how long he will be in office. The Congress, which is drafting a new constitution, must make that decision.

With the country's economy askew and protests mounting, the lack of a clear mandate has cast a lengthening shadow of uncertainty over his Government.

Last Sunday Senhor Sarney made an "urgent" appeal for a swift decision from Congress. "From the internal and external point of view, Brazil cannot remain in this state of indecision," the President said.

Internal and external pressures on Israel


Mr Jimmy Carter, the former US President, shadowed by a security man, going for an early-morning jog yesterday in Jerusalem, the latest stop on his five-nation Middle East tour.

Underdog Levy determined to emerge as Herut heir

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

Mr David Levy peers at the world through tinted spectacles, and he usually does not like what he sees. Israel's charismatic Housing Minister has risen very nearly to the top largely by voicing lucidly and loudly the dissatisfaction of Israel's underdogs.

At the Tel Aviv fairground next week he is hell bent on securing future control of his party, Herut, by picking up the populist mantle discarded by Mr Menachem Begin when he left the party in the hands of the monosyllabic Mr Yitzhak Shamir.

A year ago the Herut conference adjourned in uproar as Mr Levy tried unsuccessfully to wrest the party from its veteran old guard. Despite persistent efforts at reconciliation ever since, Mr Levy has never been prepared to abandon his claim to be recognized as heir apparent.

As Prime Minister Mr Shamir has sought to stay out of the public argument, but he has nevertheless thrown his weight behind Mr Moshe Arens as his chosen successor. This has further fired Mr Levy's oratory and convinced him, if that were necessary, that he has been cast in the permanent role of underdog by the party establishment.

Mr Levy chose Herut precisely because, like so many Sephardic immigrants, he resented the way in which the Ashkenazi establishment of the ruling Labour Party treated people like him.

When he arrived from Morocco as a 20-year-old in 1957 he felt himself a second-class citizen, given labouring work at the development town of Beit She'an, in the Jordan valley, and kept away from the decision-making process.

He forced his way to the front through the local council and as a minority Herut voice inside the Labour-dominated Histadrut workers' federation.

He spoke for so many Sephardis that he carried a huge popular vote with him, which meant that Herut had to reward him by making him number two on the party list for the past two general elections.

But, with Mr Arens being groomed by Mr Shamir to take over, Mr Levy knows that his position in no way guarantees him the top job. Mr Arens, a Lithuanian-born, American-trained, aeronautical engineer is an Ashkanazi of the kind Mr Levy most resents.

Mr Arens is a cold, intellectually calculating politician. He cannot generate the popular fervour which Mr Levy uses to such effect. Both believe in an indivisible land of Israel from the Mediterranean to the Jordan, but Mr Levy's reasons for wanting to keep the occupied territories tend to be based on his own experience of living as an underdog Jew among Muslims in Morocco.

This pile of chips on his shoulder has given him a style which inspires a large section of the party, regardless of its racial origin. Several of his staunchest supporters are Askhanazis, who believe that in Mr Levy the party has a leader who can win elections outright.

There is one Askhanazi Herut leader who has the same kind of charisma as Mr Levy and he, too, is spoiling for a fight. He is the discredited but ever ebullient Mr Ariel Sharon, who last year formed a pact with Mr Levy to try to break the Shamir faction, and who this year has crossed over to form an alliance with Mr Arens to try to break the Levy camp.

Mr Sharon remains a potential king-maker, and he enjoys the power this gives him now and the hope it gives him of being in a position to take over the party one day.

The one thing all three would-be heirs apparent have in common is that they are leaders of a new generation. Until now Herut has been in the hands of those who led the secret armies that drove the British out of Palestine and then fought the Arab armies to a standstill.

These leaders carried with them the secretive style of politics born of working for an underground movement. The new generation have all come to prominence since the state was born and are not averse to shouting their point of view publicly before 2,100 delegates.

Syria wants talks on Golan Heights

From Our Own Correspondent, Jerusalem

President Assad of Syria is prepared to enter direct negotiations with Israel over the Golan Heights, under the umbrella of an international conference, the former American President Jimmy Carter said yesterday.

Mr Carter, who is on a fact-finding tour of the Middle East, had several hours of talks in Damascas with President Assad before travelling to Israel.

He knows that Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Israeli Prime Minister, is totally opposed to an international peace conference, although it has the support of Mr Shimon Peres, the Foreign Minister.

The purpose of an international conference, Mr Carter said yesterday, would be to bring people together but that afterwards negotiations would be bilateral. "Even Arab leaders who have pledged eternal hatred and eternal rejection of Israel are in a much more receptive mood," he said.

He hoped that the Israel Government would be able to respond with "flexibility and generosity".

While Mr Shamir remains opposed, Mr Peres continues to be busy sounding out opinion. He has held two meetings this week with prominent Palestinians, including known supporters of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

The Director-General of his ministry, Mr Avram Tamir, has also been discussing the conference in New York, with the UN ambassadors of Russia and China, two countries which are permanent members of the Security Council but without diplomatic ties with Israel.

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House sales not capital receipts

Regina v Secretary of State for the Environment, Ex parte London Borough of Newham

Before Lord Justice Purchas, Lord Justice Nicholls and Sir Roualeyn Cumming-Bruce

[Judgment March 25]

Where the Secretary of State for the Environment made an order under section 23(3) of the Local Government Act 1963 transferring housing stock from one local authority another, he had an unfettered discretion to determine the terms of the transfer including payment, if any, which should be made by the transferee to the transferor. The nature of such a payment might reflect many considerations other than the value of *the property transferred.*

Furthermore (Lord Justice Nicholls dissenting) the transfer of property under section 23(3) of the 1963 Act was not a "disposal" and any payment received did not constitute a capital receipt for the purposes of section 75 of the Local Government Planning and Land Act 1980.

The Court of Appeal so stated allowing an appeal by the Secretary of State for the Environment from a decision of Mr Justice Taylor (*The Times* December 23, 1985).

Section 23 of the 1963 Act provides: "(3) The minister shall if so requested by both parties concerned, or if requested by one of those parties *may after* consultation with the other of those parties, or if he thinks fit after consultation with both parties may without any such request, by order provide for the transfer . . . (b) from . . . the council of a London borough to the local authority . . . for the purposes of the Housing Act 1957 or to a housing association of any housing accommodation for the time being vested in that council, being in the case of a London borough, housing accommodation outside that borough; and any such order shall include such terms as may have been agreed between the two parties concerned or, in default of such agreement, determined by the minister and provision for arbitration as to the value of the property transferred . . .".

Section 75 of the 1980 Act provides: "(1) Subject to the following provisions of this *section and to any regulations* under subsection (5) below, for the purpose of this part of this Act an authority's capital receipts are equal – (a) to any sums received by the authority before the commencement date in respect of the disposals and repayments mentioned in subsections (2) and (3) below, less the amount spent by the authority before that date out of any such sums (for whatever purpose) . . .

"(2) the disposals are those of land (including buildings and structures on land . . .".

Mr John Laws for the secretary of state; Mr James Goudie, QC and Mr Patrick Elias for the London Borough of Newham.

LORD JUSTICE PURCHAS said that the appeal was brought by the secretary of state from an order and declarations made by Mr Justice Taylor in an application for judicial review by the London Borough of Newham.

The declarations were to the effect:

1 that Newham, who were a transferor authority were entitled to payment to be assessed by the minister having regard to the value of the property to be transferred by statutory order made under section 23(3) of the 1963 Act and

2 that the transfers would constitute "disposals" for the purpose of section 75 of the 1980 Act and that capital sums received would constitute "prescribed capital receipts" within the meaning of section 72 of the 1980 Act.

Mr Laws submitted that it was highly significant that nowhere in section 23(3) was there a provision for a term to be included in the order under which a transferee authority should pay to the transferor authority a sum representing the value of the property transferred whether agreed or by arbitration; and that it was inconceivable that such a crucial and central provision, if it was intended for inclusion in the subsection, should have been omitted.

Leaving aside the situation where both parties were in agreement as to the terms under which the *transfer should take* place then the minister was empowered to determine the terms of the order. Where housing stock was concerned the *terms might include the right to* nominate tenants.

As the most convenient and legislatively attractive solution in an unsatisfactory statutory situation created by the inelegant drafting of the subsection, *his Lordship preferred the* approach advocated by Mr Laws.

So variable and complex were the different factors which would impinge upon an efficient and fair transfer as between two housing authorities involved in an order being made against the will of one of them – or both of them – that that was a matter essentially for the discretion and judgment of the minister.

However, where the question of value of the property transferred was to play a part in the order (but not necessarily in every case) then the minister should provide for that factor, if in issue, by arbitration.

The value of the property transferred was only to be relevant when and to the extent that the minister so decided in his discretion.

His Lordship considered the second issue raised in the appeal, namely that arising out of the 1980 Act. Was a transfer under section 23(3) of the 1963 Act a "disposal" for the purposes of Part VIII of the *1980* Act?

Would a payment received for such a transfer constitute a prescribed capital receipt for the purposes of section 72 of the 1980 Act?

His Lordship's conclusion was that against the general statutory context of Part III of the 1963 Act, the concept of a "disposal" of either "land held for development or redevelopment" (section 23(3)(a)) or of "housing accommodation" (section 23(3)(b)) was alien to the general statutory purpose, namely the reorganization of local government in the Greater London area with specific reference to the carrying out by local authorities and housing associations of their functions under the housing legislation.

Under section 23(3)(a) if two authorities were in complete agreement the minister was obliged to make the order in those terms. Even where housing accommodation, as opposed to land for *development*, was concerned, if the parties were in accord, then the minister had no apparent discretion to vary or qualify the terms of the order.

That position was so alien to the general control given to the *minister to consent, or withhold* his consent, to any disposal of housing land or stock that his Lordship could not accept that when enacting the 1980 Act Parliament intended that the provisions relating to "disposal" in sections 75 and 72 should in any way touch upon the transfer of land for housing purposes under section 23 of the 1963 Act.

LORD JUSTICE NICHOLLS, dissenting on the second issue, said that "disposal" was not defined in the 1980 Act. In his Lordship's view, if that word was given its natural meaning, a transfer of land or accommodation from an authority under section 23(3) of the 1963 Act was a disposal of *that* land *within* section 75 of the 1980 Act just as much as would be a parting with land by an authority on the occasion of any compulsory acquisition or voluntary transfer.

In his Lordship's *view* any sums received by Newham in respect of the disposals of its housing accommodation effected by orders made under section 23 would fall to be brought into account in calculating Newham's capital receipts under section 75 of the 1980 Act.

Sir Roualeyn Cumming-Bruce agreed with Lord Justice Purchas.

Solicitors: Treasury Solicitor; Mr R. G. Grant, Newham.

Sentence information

Williams v Co-Operative Retail Services Ltd

The correct procedure for obtaining information as to comparative sentences for breaches of fire regulations was to approach the clerk to the court and not the borough solicitors.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Russell and Mr Justice Kennedy) so held on March 25 in allowing a prosecutor's appeal by way of case stated from th decision of Reading Crown Court on July 25, 1986 in granting a witness summons requiring the attendance of Mr D. C. H. Williams, County Solicitor of Berkshire, at the hearing of CRS's appeal against sentence.

Corroboration from innocuous facts

Regina v Hills

Before Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Kennedy and Mr Justice Roch

[Judgment March 26]

A combination of pieces of individually innocuous circumstantial evidence not infrequently provided corroboration of an accomplice's evidence but when consideration was given to the question whether they did provide corroboration it was always important to consider the real issues in the case and what was in fact proved by the evidence put forward as corroboration.

The Court of Appeal so stated in a reserved judgment allowing an appeal by John Hills, aged 39, of Haydon Hill, Buckingham, against conviction on a retrial after a jury disagreement in Oxford Crown Court (Judge Leo Clark, QC and a jury) of being knowingly concerned in the fraudulent evasion of the prohibition on the importation of a controlled drug, namely, 4kg of heroin said to be worth about £500,000 at street level in Britain. He was sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment.

Mr John Lloyd-Eley, QC and Mr David Farrell, QC, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant; Mr Paul Garlick for the Crown.

The LORD CHIEF JUSTICE, giving the judgment of the court, said that the appellant had been jointly indicted with a man named Larry Neil Baruch, who pleaded guilty and was sentenced to seven years' imprisonment.

Baruch arrived at Heathrow Airport on a flight from Bombay. His suitcase, it was suspected, *contained drugs but he* was allowed to pass through the green channel.

He was seen to wait in the public concourse for about 20 minutes and was then met by the appellant. The two went to a *cafeteria and were arrested there* shortly afterwards. The heroin was found hidden in secret compartments of the suitcase.

The prosecution alleged that the appellant had organized the drug's collection from Bombay and had enlisted Baruch to act as a courier. Baruch gave evidence for the prosecution. The appeal was based on the judge's directions concerning corroboration of Baruch's evidence.

The appellant made no admissions in interviews with customs officers. He maintained throughout that he had sent Baruch to Bombay only in connexion with the export of snakeskins – which was strictly controlled – and to deliver some material about computers.

Baruch had met two Arabs and the appellant gave evidence about his own previous transactions with them, his involvement with the snakeskin trade. There was no dispute that he and they had been involved in smuggling snakeskins.

The judge directed the jury that it would be dangerous for them to convict the appellant on Baruch's evidence alone. Later he listed 13 points of facts and circumstances, saying that none of them individually was capable of corroborating Baruch but the question was whether collectively they did so, whether collectively one threw light on the other so that they became circumstantial evidence in which one had strands like *strands of a rope, twining* together and so gradually building up into not just weak individual strands of thin skeins but twisting together into strands which went to the extent of being a firm, strong rope.

The Lord Chief Justice said that corroboration was not infrequently provided by a combination of pieces of circumstantial evidence, each innocuous on its own, which together tended to show that the defendant committed the crime.

For example, in a rape case *where the defendant denied ever* having sexual intercourse with the complainant, it might be possible to prove; (1) by medical evidence that she had had sexual intercourse within an hour or so before the medical examination; *(2) by other independent evi*dence that the defendant and no other man had been with her during that time; and (3) that her underclothing was torn and that she had injuries to her private parts.

None of those items of evidence on its own would be sufficient to provide the necessary corroboration but the judge would be entitled to direct the jury that, if they were satisfied so as to feel sure that each of those items had been proved, the combined effect of the three items would be capable of corroborating the girl's evidence.

In *R v Kilbourne* ([1973] AC 729, 750) Lord Reid said that there was nothing technical in *the idea of corroboration* and he added: "When in the ordinary affairs of life one is doubtful whether or not to believe a particular statement, one naturally looks to see whether it fits in with other statements or circumstances relating to the particular matter; the better it fits in, the more one is inclined to believe it. The doubted statement is corroborated to a greater or lesser extent by the other statements or circumstances with which it fits in."

The Lord Chief Justice said that the other statements or circumstances were only of value if, having regard to what was in issue, they came from a source or sources independent of the accomplice and went some part of the way towards proving guilt, by tending to show that the offence was committed and that the accused committed it.

It was, therefore, always important to consider:
1 what were the real issues in the case
2 what the evidence being put forward as corroboration did in fact prove. The proof might, of course, come from several sources and in that sense corroboration might be cumulative, as already illustrated.
3 *whether that evidence (a)* came from a source or sources independent of the accomplice; and (b) went some significant part of the way towards showing that the offence was committed and that the accused committed it.

In the present case the judge purported to identify possible corroboration perhaps without reminding himself sufficiently of the issue in the case – namely, whether the appellant really was involved in Baruch's admitted attempt to import heroin.

The 13 points which he listed in many instances were themselves dependent on the evidence of the accomplice, or did not themselves and without regard to the accomplice's evidence sufficiently go towards proving guilt.

It was impossible to say which of the 13 the jury might have selected as being potential corroboration. If they selected one or two which were not independent of Baruch's evidence the result might have been that they were using as corroborative evidence something which was not in fact capable of corroborating.

Doubtless many of the 13 were evidence of circumstances which served to cast grave doubt on the case being put forward by the appellant.

If the judge had made use of that evidence in that way, no complaint could legitimately *have been made. Had* that happened the jury might still have convicted.

Their Lordships had debated anxiously whether they should apply the proviso to section 2(1) of the Criminal Appeal Act 1968. They had been persuaded not to do so because at the appellant's first trial, presided over by the same judge, there was no suggestion that the items listed could be capable together of amounting to corroboration. That jury were unable to agree and, in those circumstances, their Lordships were reluctantly forced to the conclusion that the conviction was unsafe and unsatisfactory and the appeal had to be allowed.

Solicitors: Solicitor, Customs and Excise.

Enhanced reputation not relevant for jury in a libel trial

Cornwell v Myskow and Others

Before Lord Justice Slade, Lord Justice Parker and Lord Justice Mustill

[Judgment February 13]

In determining for the purposes of libel whether an article was fair comment any enhanced reputation at the time of trial was not relevant and should be excluded unless clearly relevant on some other issue in which case the jury should be warned to exclude it from their minds when considering the issue of fair comment.

The Court of Appeal so held when allowing an appeal by the *defendants*, Nina Myskow, Odhams Newspapers Ltd and Mirror Group Newspapers Ltd, against a judgment of Mr Justice Michael Davies and a jury on Decemeber 18, 1985, whereby the plaintiff, Charlotte Cornwell, was awarded £10,000 damages for libel contained in an article in the *Sunday People* on May 22, 1983.

Mr Michael Beloff, QC and Mr Andrew Caldecott for the defendants; Mr Andrew Bateson, QC and Mr Desmond Browne for the plaintiff.

LORD JUSTICE PARKER, giving the judgment of the court, said that at the date of the alleged libel the plaintiff, a well known actress who had appeared on television and stage, had recently appeared in a television series entitled *No Excuses*.

Owing to its nature, which might be thought offensive or obscene, the IBA had changed the viewing time. The plaintiff took great exception and her forthright comments were reported in *The Guardian* and broadcast on TV-am.

In that situation the first defendant wrote the article complained of under the heading "Wally of the Week".

The first two grounds of appeal related to the admission of certain evidence given on the plaintiff's behalf by the distinguished actor Ian McKellen and a bundle of reviews relating *principally* to two stage plays in which the plaintiff had appeared long after the publication complained of.

It was rightly conceded that evidence as to the plaintiff's reputation at the time of publication was admissible and that reviews thereafter would also be admissible if they concerned productions sufficiently shortly after publication as to throw light on her reputation at the time.

The plaintiff, however, *submitted that evidence of* reputation at the time of trial was admissible on the issue of damages. The basis of that submission was that, as the plaintiff's conduct to the date of trial was to be taken into account on *the question of* damages, its effect on the plaintiff could and must be measured in relation to the plaintiff's position and reputation at the date of trial.

Where a defendant persisted *to trial* with a plea *of justification* which failed, the court would be disposed to accept, without deciding, that that might be so; for in such a case the *defendant* was continuing to assert that his defamatory statements were true.

The case was, however, different where there was no plea of justification. Where the defence was simply fair comment the defendant was not asserting truth. The jury might find that *the alleged comment* was not fair or was not comment or that it was actuated by malice, but the plaintiff's reputation at the date of trial was irrelevant.

There was, however, a special reason for excluding such evidence where a defence of fair comment was raised. The issue was whether the comment could at the date of publication have been honestly made by a fair-minded man, even if holding exaggerated obstinate and prejudiced views.

When considering that issue the reputation and standing of the plaintiff at the time of publciation was clearly relevant. Any enhanced reputation at the time of trial equally clearly was not. The same applied with regard to the issue of malice if raised.

If such evidence was before the jury it could lead to confusion. It should therefore be excluded unless it was relevant on some other issue. If it was, and was therefore rightly admitted, the jury should be clearly warned to exclude it from their minds when considering the issues of fair comment and malice.

Neither the reviews nor oral evidence of the plaintiff's reputation at the date of trial should have been admitted.

Mr McKellen, however, gave evidence which went well beyond character and reputation, which went to financial damage, although none was pleaded, to the meaning of the article, to whether the comment, if comment, was fair, to whether it was comment at all and to malice.

The jury had before them a most distinguished actor and director with experience of casting who was saying: "I have played parts involving obscene acts but no one has ever personally attacked me in the press for so doing. The plaintiff is and was a serious and highly regarded actress. The defendant's article was not a *review and not criticism*. It was a personal attack and it would be liable to affect employers."

That that was both inadmissible and highly prejudicial could not be doubted and one would have expected the judge so to direct the jury. The judge not only failed to direct the jury to disregard all Mr McKellen's evidence save that which concerned the plaintiff's reputation at the time of publication but actually invited them to pay high regard to the most prejudicial parts.

Further, the defendants' case on damages was never fairly put to the jury. They could only have been left with the impression that if they found any part of the article a defamatory statement of fact or unfair comment or, although otherwise fair, actuated by malice they were to give substantial damages in respect of the distress caused by the article.

That was *plainly not* so. The article was grossly offensive but the possible conclusions to which a jury might have come were almost infinitely various.

In such a situation the jury should have been directed at least that, if they came to damages and had reached a conclusion on liability as to part only of the article complained of, they must carefully consider what damages were attributable to that part.

On the ground both of the admission and misdirection as to Mr McKellen's evidence and the failure to put the defendants' case and properly direct the jury on damages the verdict and judgment must be set aside and a new trial ordered.

Solicitors: Bindman & Partners; Wright Webb Syrett.

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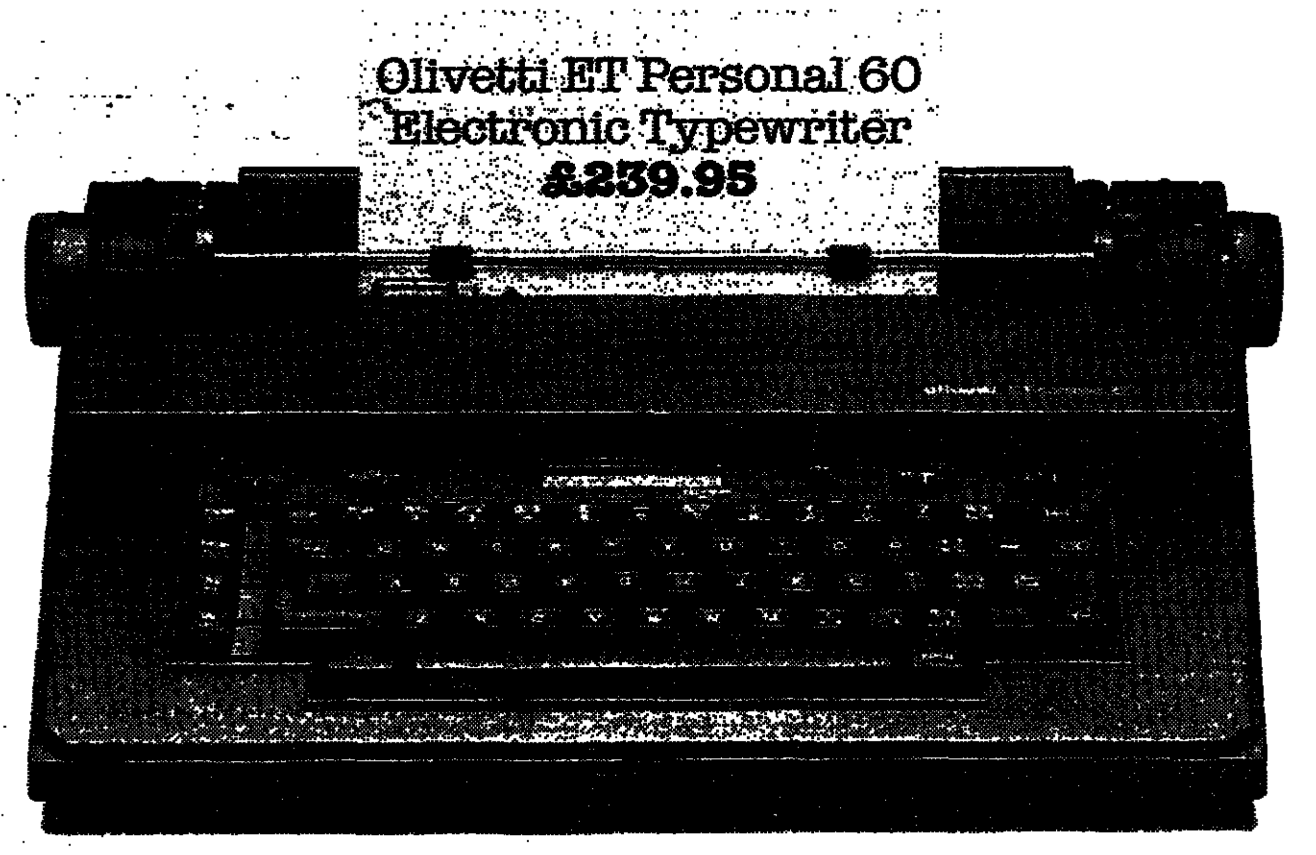

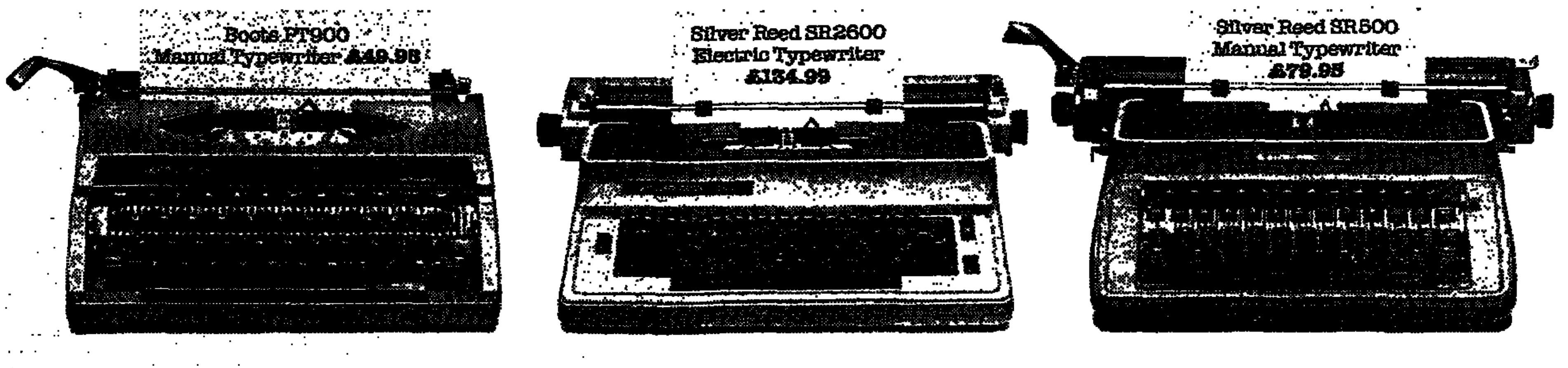

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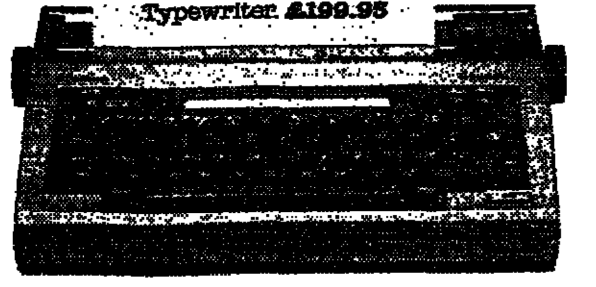

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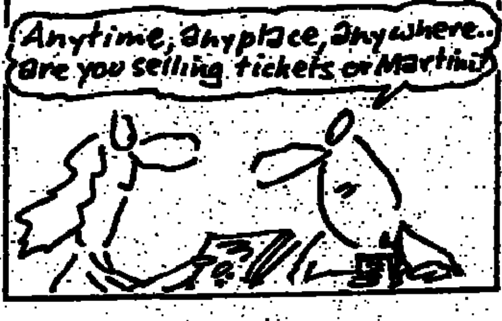
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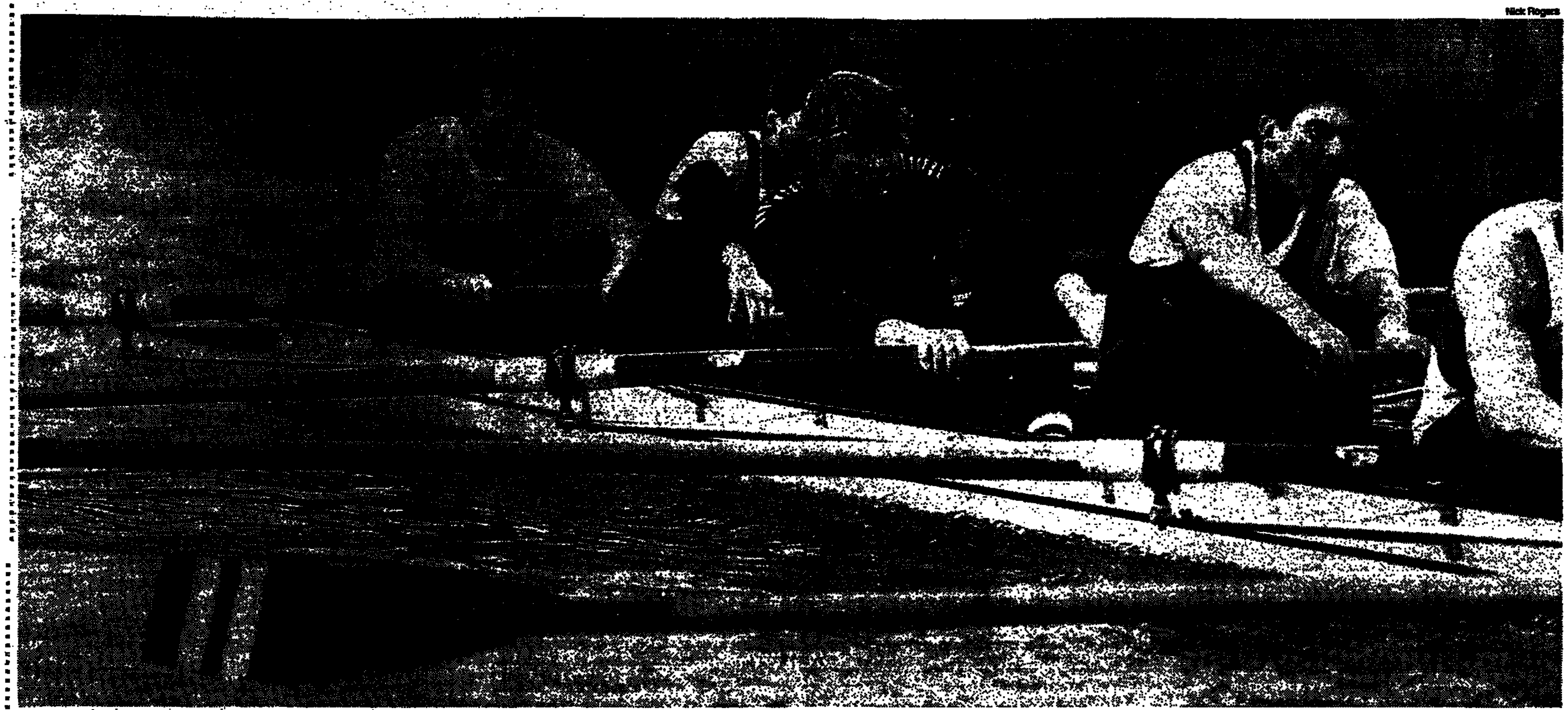

Chris Clark (centre) was at the heart of a struggle between Oxford tradition and American professionalism that split the Dark Blues before today's Boat Race. **Glenys Roberts** reports

Mutiny in the boathouse

Every weekend this year the same scene has been enacted in front of the crumbling boat house of the Oxford University Rowing Club. Come icy rain or snow-flecked sunshine, undergraduates of both sexes have taken to the water. Among them are the young blades from whom the final Oxford eight have been chosen – and if the enthusiasm of the rowing crowd were a measure of the skill of the crew, you could put your money on the Dark Blues this afternoon.

Wait, though. Out there on the Isis, it is the style of the activity – designer sweatshirts, designer haircuts, designer biceps – rather than its potential to shift a craft through water that is highly competitive. One all-girl crew follow through each stroke by lying flat on their backs in the belly of the craft. From there they have to rise through 90 degrees for the next with a stupendous effort presumably designed to flatten the tummy muscles to get into their frocks for the Boat Race Ball.

"That's what's called laid-back," remarks a voice from the towpath. "Great stuff for rowing under low bridges in Amsterdam, greater still for getting noticed."

The voice, strangely like that of Clint Eastwood, comes from a 6ft 4in American with a spade-like jaw and sun-kissed hair. Chris Penny towers above the towpath mud, a testimony to homogenized milk, red meat and two hot showers a day, while the native undergraduates gaze up at him, trapped in the misery of their undertrained muscles. No one, though, resents this superman. Men make room for him. Girls rush to hold his bike and wear his clothes.

At the turn of the year, it was more or less a *fait accompli* that Chris Penny would be rowing against Cambridge this afternoon. A Princeton graduate, now reading medieval history at St John's College, he won a silver medal at the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles. When looking for oarsmen to rival the successors to last year's victorious Cambridge eight, an Oxford selector couldn't get much luckier than to have Penny stride through his Gothic portals.

However, following a series of rows within the Oxford rowing fraternity, Penny is not in the team. Neither is Jonathan Fish, the coxswain who made the US national squad in his freshman year at the University of Pennsylvania; nor Dan Lyons, a strapping 28-year-old veteran of the US Naval Academy; nor Chris Huntington from the University of California at Berkeley, whose eyes are firmly fixed on next year's Olympics.

The only American who remains in the boat is bespectacled Peter Gish, a Dartmouth graduate now reading law at Oriel. Of all these Americans, he has put in the least time in a rowing boat. He seems, though, to have an important qualification besides his height and strength: the son of a college professor and a French mother who was herself at Oxford, he is a *quiet* American.

Put two people in a boat together and what can go wrong will go wrong. Eight in a boat equals real trouble. Even while Oxford were on an 10-year winning run, there were grumblings about the elderly imported Americans without whom, it was alleged, the Dark Blues would never have made it to the first bend on the S-shaped course. Last year, though, Oxford lost, and in their fight to regain ascendancy the university's boat people became embroiled in a clash of cultures.

In the winter sun, the façades of the old college buildings look magnificently elegant. Inside, though, students and teachers huddle round their gas fires moaning about their grants. While many a fine mind still relishes the traditional asceticism, many a finer one has allowed itself to be lured across the Atlantic by the promise of superior facilities.

This coming year, Oxford cannot afford to appoint professors to the French, German, physics and chemistry faculties. Ancient Oxford in a modern world, with its new vice-chancellor from the equivocal SDP, is suffering from the identity crisis that runs right through British education. Is Oxford a place to pass the time, or to get vocational training? The clash can be brutal, and the dithering over the selection of a Dark Blue crew seems to symbolize a deeper malaise.

If the object is to win the Boat Race, then logic seems to be firmly on the side of the Americans. They had gathered six men at Oxford who were bigger, stronger, more experienced and better disciplined than most rowers in the world. During their four undergraduate years in the United States they had been rising at dawn and rowing for five hours a day under the eyes of professional coaches. Indeed, Cambridge had hoped to recruit two of them – until Chris Clark from Newport Beach, California, who rowed in the losing crew last year, persuaded his friends to apply to Oxford so that he could have a second and better chance.

Clark is a man whose every gesture conjures up images from *Gunfight at the OK Corral*. Nearly six and a half feet tall, with sandy Robert Redford hair, he wears jeans and sunglasses in Oxford in mid-winter. University College's Middle Common Room seems to have become his office. If the phone rings, it is for him. If a guest arrives, Clark is the host. It is noticeable that none of his British contemporaries dares pipe up to ask for some peace and quiet. He has posted up his own clippings from *Newsweek* on the notice board. He has been seen escorting an NBC camera team along the High Street, for which he got a rap over the knuckles from the Dean.

Clark's flamboyance has strengthened the traditionalists' view of pin-headed mercenaries on Adidas scholarships wrenching a gentleman's pastime out of the hands of gifted amateurs. Clark, it is true, is not a natural intellectual, and he is defensive about it. "People always think pretty girls are dumb, and the same goes for big men," he says. "But it isn't necessarily so."

At Berkeley, both he and his friend Chris Huntington were head-hunted for the rowing squad by professional coaches. When faced with a choice of doing post-graduate studies in an American university or coming to England, Oxford made it easier for them. "Back home, we would have to write a new paper which would be a form of initiative test," Jonathan Fish explains. "There would be three essays posing such questions as 'What would you take up into space with you if you were allotted a place in the shuttle?'." For their Oxford entrance, on the other hand, Fish handed in some old essays from his days at a business school. Gish dug out some thoughts on comparative religion and art history.

But they are not alone in prolonging their academic studies for the sake of their sport. Take a look at the Briton who is taking Clark's place in the boat: Donald MacDonald, the president of the Boat Club, is 32 years old, a married man and father of three, who went back to college just to fulfil his ambition to get a Blue.

In fact, British as well as American members of the Boat Club thought the crew selection was a mistake, but the Americans got into rough water for daring to criticize the sacred principle of loyalty to the president. "Glorified tourists," one undergraduate called the Americans in the Union chamber. "Should they interfere in a time-honoured British institution which is older than America itself?"

The Americans turned their business-school methods on their critics. "This university is supposed to represent the ideals of fair play and honour and trust," they say bitterly. "A good system is one that finds its faults and corrects them, instead of brushing them under the carpet." They are sure that their single-mindedness would have been the way to win. "We are rocket fuel," Chris Penny says. "We could have had the fastest team ever."

Even a charismatic coach like Dan Topolski, who took Oxford to those 10 victories, cannot hold their respect unless he proves his ability to make the present match up to the past. Clark says he cannot understand how any coach could allow a weaker team than necessary to row on the Tideway this afternoon.

The rift between Topolski and Clark is the nub of the clash, the American finding it hard to work with any coach other than the sort of $50,000-a-year professional to be found in the US colleges.

The Americans certainly draw a parallel between what is going on in the rowing fraternity and in the university itself. Oxford takes pride in its hermetic approaches to life and in its dilettantism.

Says Chris Clark: "Let Topolski go off and retrace the routes of *Marco Polo*. That's what he's into. We'd still win the race for him. The Boat Race isn't won by tradition, but by oarsmen – and by oarsmen who practise."

If Oxford loses again today, will Chris Clark have been proved right? And will he have succeeded in concentrating the minds of our senior universities on the quest for excellence rather than the preservation of a reputation?

And what if Oxford wins? Will it prove that there is still a place for what can only be called the Marco Polo factor?

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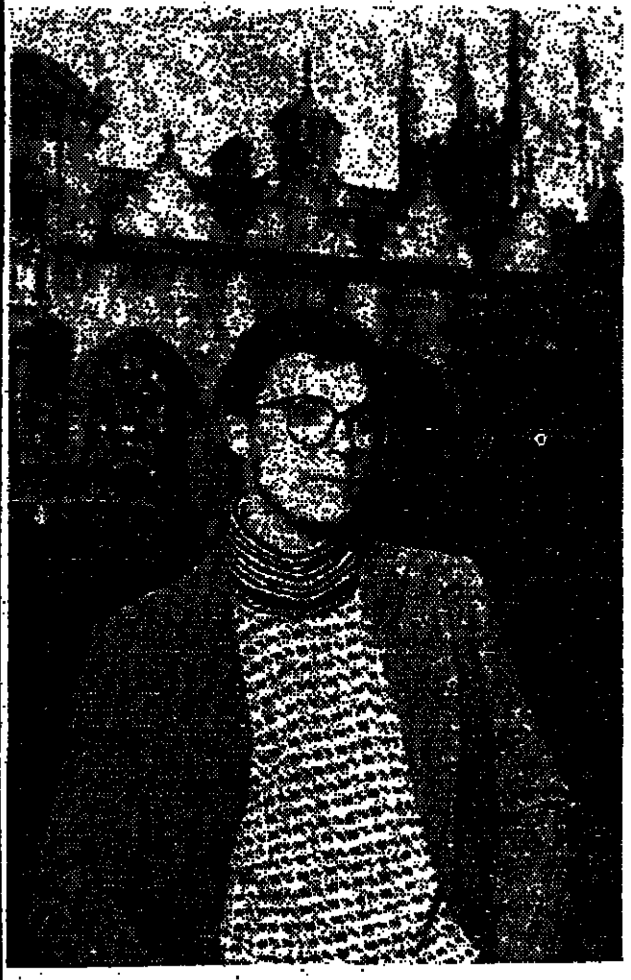

The quiet American: Peter Gish, who was not involved in the fight, is the only US rower in the Oxford boat

COUNTDOWN TO CONTROVERSY

Spring 1986 Oxford loses 132nd Boat Race to Cambridge after 10 consecutive wins. Chris Clark, 1985 reserve for US rowing team, in Oxford boat.

Autumn 1986 Clark gathers five other top-notch US post-graduate rowers at Oxford in bid to field fastest Boat Race eight ever.

Jan 1987 Twenty Oxford hopefuls training hard.

Jan 23 Chris Clark asked to shift places in boat due to lack of form. His original seat taken by Donald MacDonald, Boat Club president. Mutiny threatened by whole boat, including five Americans. MacDonald, backed by coach Dan Topolski, says failure to yield to his authority will bar Clark *et al* from Oxford boat and Isis reserve.

Jan 25 Seven out of eight coaches give Clark the thumbs-down. He is thrown out of boat. Four supportive Americans down oars. One, Gish, remains uninvolved.

Jan 27 Oxford eight give up training. MacDonald offers to stand down from possible crew – if Clark does same – and suggests unacceptable replacements. Three Englishmen down oars. Cambridge asked not to race against possible rebel crew. Retort from the Fens: "When you recruit a crew of mercenaries you can expect to see some pirates."

Jan 28 MacDonald threatens to substitute reserve Isis boat for real thing.

Jan 30 Oxford's ruling rowing body — college boat captains and resident Blues — reprimand MacDonald for his handling of dispute. Clark offers to give up his place if other rebel Americans are reinstated — and if MacDonald quits team.

Feb 1 MacDonald sets midnight deadline for crew to agree with him or else. Two Americans agree to return to boat with the three rebel Englishmen.

Feb 3 MacDonald gets vote of confidence from supreme rowing powers.

Feb 4 MacDonald drops all four rebel Americans.

Feb 9 Final selection announced. Seven Englishmen including MacDonald and three former English rebels in Blue boat. And only one American, Gish who never got involved.

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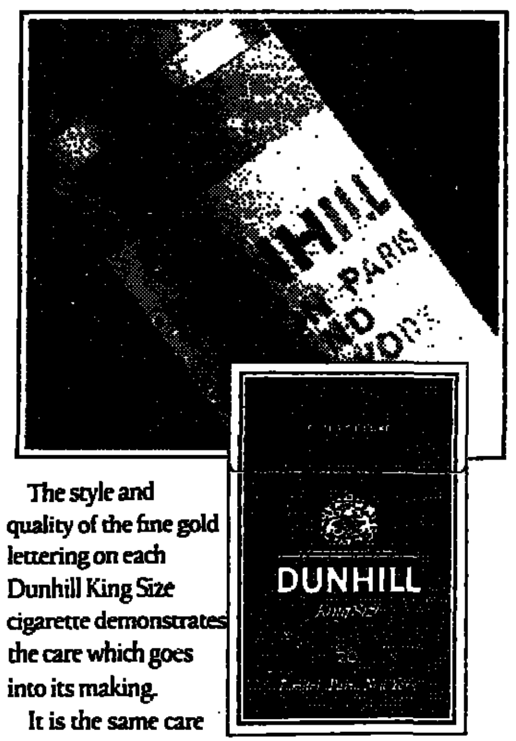

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The old Chihuahua al Pacifico express

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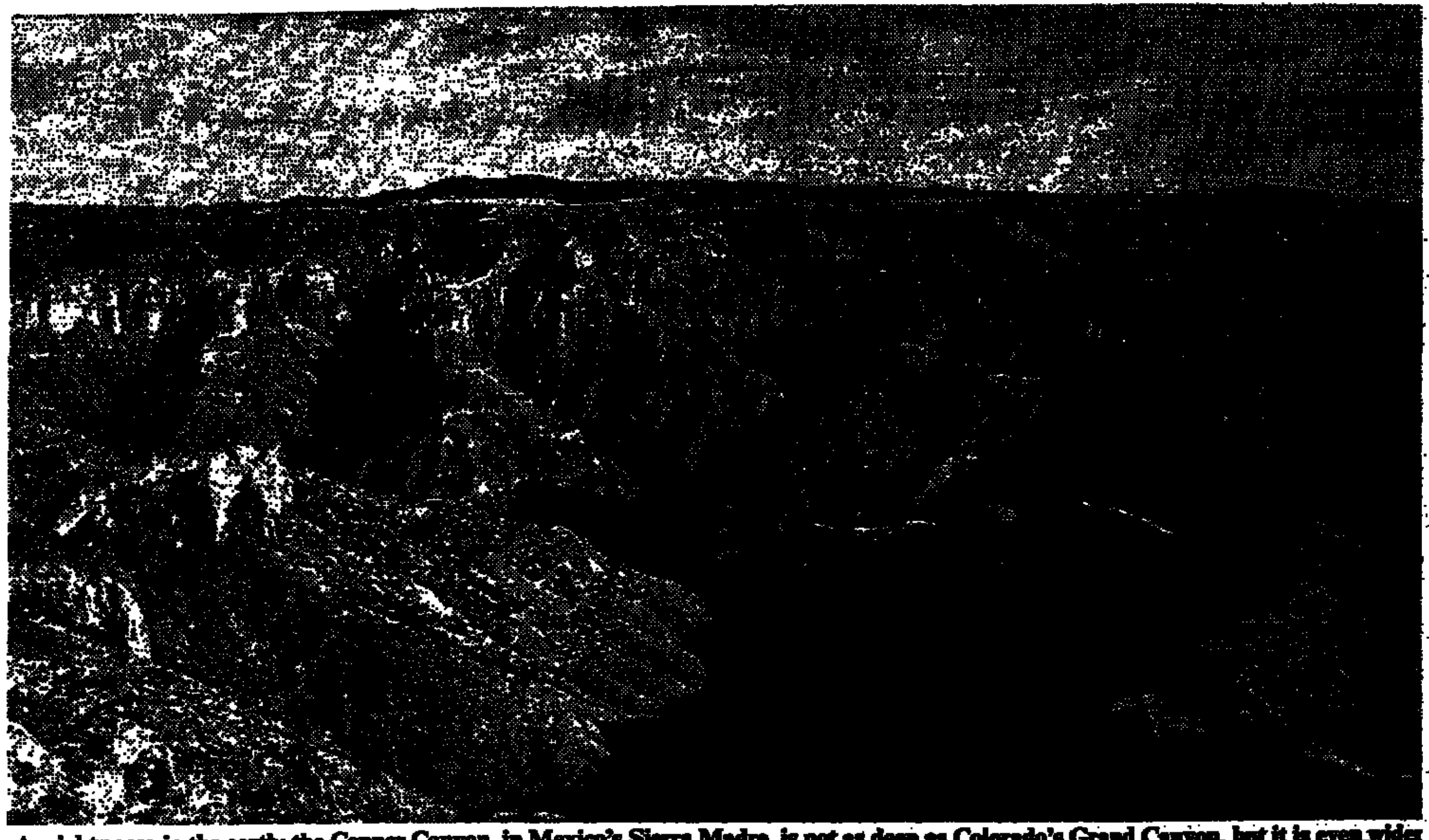
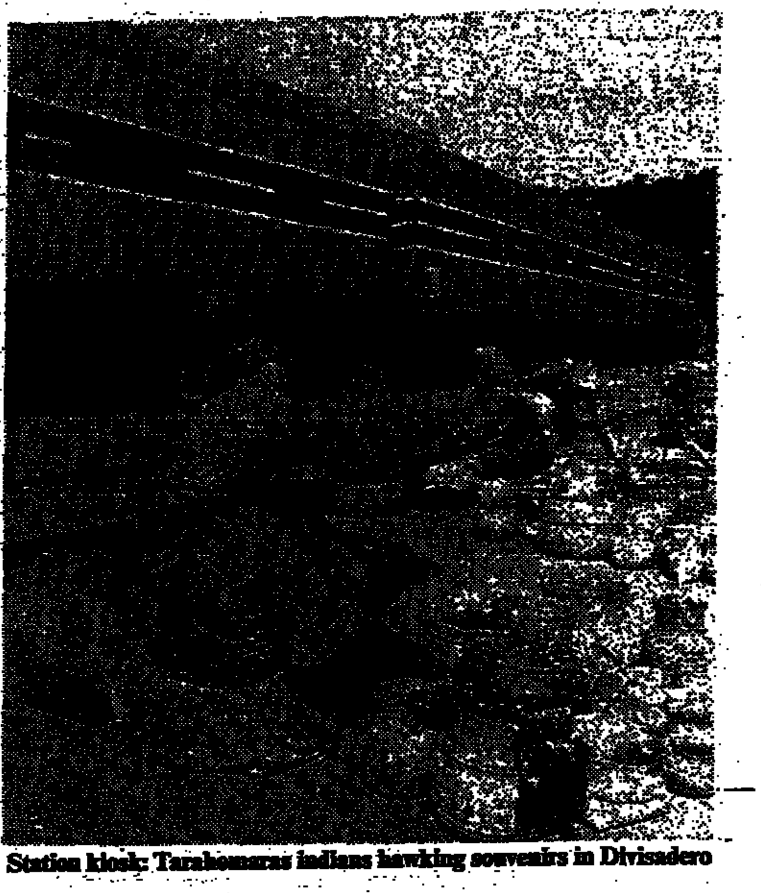
For 500 miles, one of the world's more unlikely trains chugs across Mexico's more inhospitable terrain.

Alan Franks reports



A mighty scar in the earth: the Copper Canyon, in Mexico's Sierra Madre, is not as deep as Colorado's Grand Canyon, but it is even wider



Station kiosk: Tarahomaras indians hawking souvenirs in Divisadero

If you had gone in search of something really daft to do in the Sierra Madre Occidentale, you could not have done better than come up with the idea of building a railway. The famous Chihuahua al Pacifico line is so implausible in its conception – and even more so in its reality – that it should in all fairness have been dreamed up by an Englishman.

I travelled the 500 miles the wrong, no, the *other* way round – Pacifico al Chihuahua – simply because I had been visiting Los Mochis and Topolobampo Bay in the western state of Sinaloa.

What a wonderful, child's madness of a train this is. Two diesels at the front, of the kind you see pulling into the Union Stockyard in old Chicago movies; then an ancient Mexican coach, then a Swiss one, a Japanese, and finally a string of Americans pretending to be new. They *are* new to the line (which, by the way, is usually called the Copper Canyon Railway) but have been around for 40 years, the last six of which were spent languishing in a Los Angeles siding.

By the time you get into the foothills of the Sierra Madre, the eight-coach creature has already adopted the banana-shaped posture that it will retain virtually all the way, except when the extreme twistiness forces it into an S.

So, standing on the footplate at the back of the rear coach is the proper way to view the beast on which you are riding; and it really is as though a group of children have got together and pooled their rolling stock – old pieces of Triang and Hornby Dublo and Trix, which just happen to share a common gauge.

I move to the perspex observation dome, and watch. For mile after mile the track is chiselled into a near-vertical wall of rock, with 400 feet falling away from you out of the right-hand window, and twice as much again soaring above you to the left.

As the floor of the valley rises to meet the line, so the rocks soar even higher on either side, so high that you have to lean forward and peer upwards to see the summits of their cupric crags. The sun appears and hides, appears and hides – bright day into partial eclipse and back again.

Then another terrific, gruelling ascent from Loreto, over the state border from Sinaloa into Chihuahua towards the unbelievable feat of engineering at Temoris.

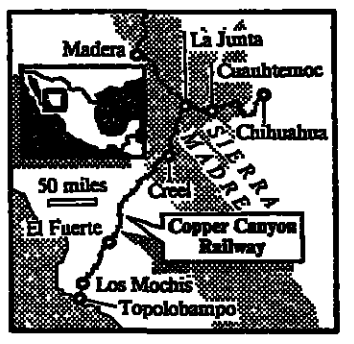
Leaving the observation dome I go down the stairs to explore the rest of the train. The back end is plush in a *déclassé* sort of way, with what look like little executive suites off the carpeted corridor. A smart Mexican – Latin America's answer to Inter-City man – is sitting in one of these, sipping neat tequila from a glass and going through his papers.

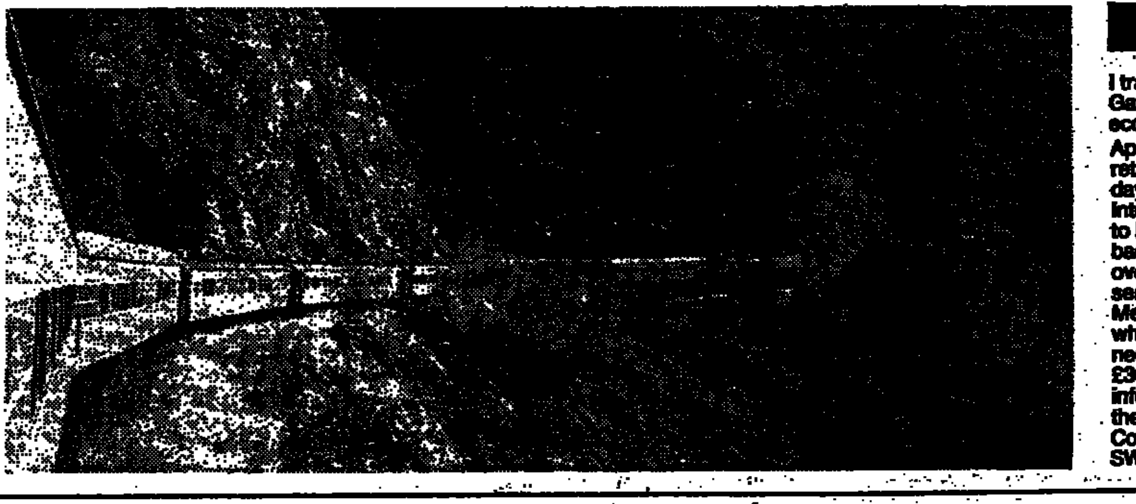
Along the dining car and into the second class, in search of an unoccupied lavatory. Prone bodies are on every other seat, sleeping or trying to sleep. If they are not doing either, then they are quite oblivious to the views which by now they take for granted.

The valley of Temoris looks like the natural expiry point for even the most obdurate railway, a place where the labourers should at last down picks and console themselves with the thought that it was a damned good try. Indeed, when the track was being built, this very nearly happened, for the area was scantily mapped and the surveyors enlisted the help of the local Indians, the Tarahomaras, to find a way through.

It would actually have been one of the world's most laughable termini, with the village itself invisible way up beyond the rim of the valley, the only sign of its existence a worn path of green going up with unrailway-like straightness.

To get through to the next valley system the train now makes a gigantic Z, first along the east wall of the valley, then sharply back along the west, rising all the time. Then into a crescent tunnel, out for a breather, once more into the dark . . . and away. A progress of a few hundred yards for three miles of track.





Banana on the move: (*right*) the Chihuaha al Pacifico train curves its way through the foothills of the Sierra Madre, along a track cut into the side of the mountain

Next stop is Divisadero and the best hotel (of two), the Cabanas. The tiny town perches, as if for a dare, above another airy cleft of sickening size. The Copper Canyon is not just a single gorge, but the name given to a region which comprises five canyons, the largest of which is more capacious, though less deep, than the Grand Canyon in Colorado.

If you clamber up on to a hill another 200 feet above the town and look down, the great railway looks tiny and vulnerable – two fragile strands of silver fed into a wilderness – and you cannot help but wonder what on earth it is doing here.

The answer is heavy with Zorba-ism. In 1872 an American engineer, one Albert K. Owen, was hired by a group of US investors to plot the course of a track that would link the Pacific with the Atlantic Ocean. By 1881 the Texas-Topolobampo and Pacific Railroad Company had been formed, and Mexican concessions for colonization granted. Building began in the early years of the 20th century, but was brought to an abrupt halt by the revolution in 1912.

Since then it has been a stop-go story, with little stretches being tortuously picked and blasted into being, from west to east and vice-versa. Incredibly, it was not until 1961, just 26 years ago, that the final linking stretch at the centre of the route was completed.

Had the whole thing not been upstaged by the coming of the Panama Canal in 1905, then the deep-water harbour of Topolobampo might now be a flourishing railhead port instead of what it remains – a dumb blonde of a bay; beautiful to look at but quite, quite empty.

TRAVEL NOTES

I travelled to Mexico City from Gatwick by American Airlines. The economy fare is £798 return. Apex tickets are available at £576 return, but must be booked 21 days in advance of the flight. Internal flights from Mexico City to Los Mochis, and from Chihuaha back to the capital cost just over £50; it is advisable to book seats before travelling to Mexico. The train journey, for which no prior reservations are needed, costs the equivalent of £30 one-way. Further information can be obtained from the Mexican National Tourist Council, 7 Cork Street, London SW1 (01-734 1058).

On the road from Mandalay

Visitors can only spend a week in beautiful Burma – but it might seem like a month

Despite the best efforts of the Burmese government to discourage them, hardy tourist still insist on going there to put their patience, stomachs and stamina on the line while visiting the country's pagodas, hills and lakes.

The Burmese allow visitors in for only seven days, which makes everything a bit of a rush, and they complicate things further by making it impossible to book flights on the internal airline, or even organize train journeys in advance unless you are part of a tour group.

There is the additional discouragement of the absurd official exchange rate which values the local currency, the kyat, at seven times higher than the black market rate, While I was in Burma on business – on a non-tourist visa that took two-and-a-half months to come through – having finished what I was doing in Mandalay I decided to return to Rangoon, the capital, via the temple city of Pagan.

The tourist office (as with Russia's Intourist, most holdiay bookings have to be done through this state organ) which sold me the ticket from Mandalay to Pagan was not able to sell one from Pagan to Rangoon. Nor, alas (the Burmese are really nice people, its only their government which is awful), were they able to book me a room at the Thiripyitsaya Hotel, reputedly the best in the country, because the telephone was so unreliable.

So I was first off the plane in Pagan, and first into the Tourist Burma office. They could not sell me a ticket to Rangoon. I would have to go to Burma Airways' office. Burma Airways was deserted. In a dormitory behind the office a man was having a siesta, but he was not able to help me, he said. Tomorrow's plane was full.

Back at Tourist Burma they offered a ticket for the bus that went to the nearest station, but I would have to buy my rail ticket when I got there. No, I could not pop down to the station for a ticket now as it was five hours away. The bus would leave at 3am.

There was no room at the Thiripyitsaya. I found a room in a guest house – a six-by-nine raffia hut with a mosquito net and a fan and a grubby sheet on a rock-hard bed.

The sun began going down, and a quick rush to the nearest temple gave a glimpse of the Pagan magic, a plain full of ancient pagodas rose-pink in the sunset.

But at three the following morning the bus turned out to be a pick-up track – good enough for carrying a few sheep, perhaps, but not really suitable for the 16 adults that Tourist Burma packed into it. The journey did indeed take five hours, on a rough, dusty road which turned increasing cramp into real pain.

The train was late. A bribe to a Tourist Burma official quickly obtained an upper class seat. There are two classes, the lower class is called first.

The train took 10 hours to get to Rangoon, The track and the rolling stock were in such bad condition that the travellers were lifted out of their seats 15 or 20 times a minute. Dust filled the carriage and the lungs and left a layer of grit on the teeth.

It was a relief to be back in the crumbling arms of the Strand Hotel.

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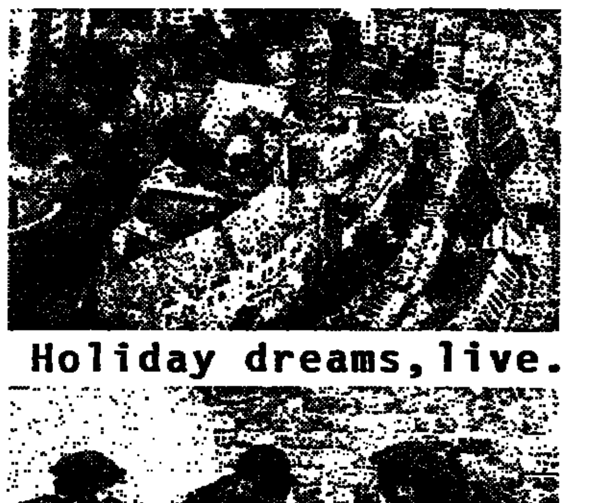

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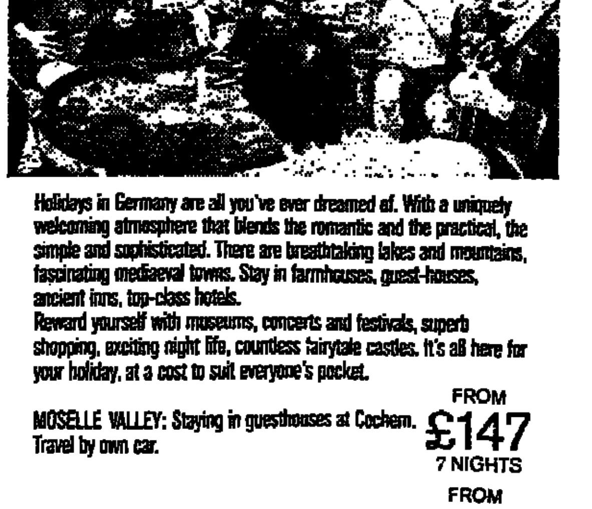

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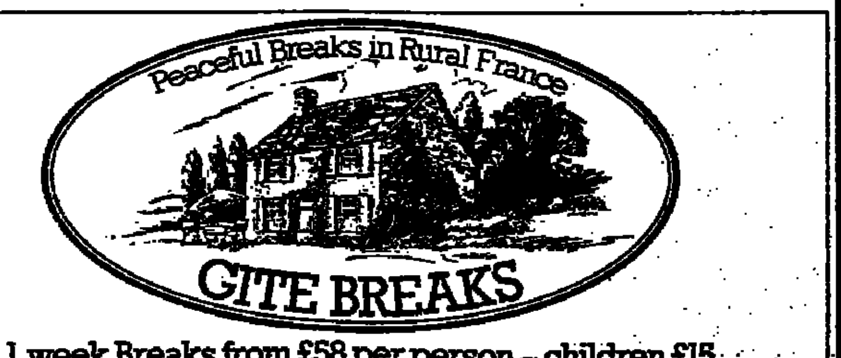

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TRAVEL 2

TRAVEL NEWS

Minced words

If another restaurant guide is needed, it is not the restaurant-friendly *Ackerman Guide* (Penguin, £9.95). By keeping all unfavourable comment to himself, Roy Ackerman — chef, deputy chairman of Kennedy Brookes, the restaurant and leisure group, and chairman of the Restaurateurs Association — adds nothing to our knowledge.

It seems the less said about the food in the places reviewed, the less there is to be said for it. As Roy Ackerman puts it: "We have tried to assess each establishment on its own merit, not just for its food but for its ambience, architectural style, attitude of staff, state of decor and general air of welcome and positiveness . . . However, if we were unable to to find any of the above criteria in an establishment, rather than write something negative we have left the review out altogether."

I have no such inhibitions. Nice looks, writing poor, usefulness negligible.

● **European travellers who do not know a vestal cuckoo bee from a buff-tailed bumble bee even if it stung them, or a sea pear from a sea gooseberry need *The Holiday Naturalist in Italy*, (Helm, £6.95), or its companion volume on France. Creepy-crawlies, rock-pool squelchies, flowers, butterflies, birds and bees are clearly pictured and concisely described in these pocket-sized books. Essential packing for conscientious parents.**

Rouxful

At a lunch to publicize closer ties between the Roux Brothers and British Airways — the application of Roux expertise to BA catering has now been extended from the food to polishing the service skills of first-class cabin crew — Michel Roux was frank about the difficulty of the task. "Nobody gets anywhere faster by sitting at the front of the plane, so the something extra has to be the quality of service."

When it comes to dealing with difficult customers, he admits having the advantage. "I do sometimes ask people to leave my restaurant," he said with ill-disguised relish.

● **Tumblebrutus, Mr Mistoffelees, Rum Tum Tugger, Rumpleteazer and Bumblechugger are traditonally decorated narrow boats operated by Bridgewater Boats. The company is offering £30 a week reductions on early and late season hirings in May and October. Telephone 044 273615.**

Paris in style

Sample the high life at basement prices by taking advantage of Reductions of up to 60 per cent are available until April 30 on weekend bookings at all three Inter-Continental hotels in Paris. Smaller reductions on normal rates are offered on mid-week bookings (Monday to Thursday nights). Weekend rates start at 680FF (£68) per room for single or double occupancy. Two of the hotels, the Inter-Continental and the Meurice, are on the Rue De Rivoli, opposite the Tuileries Gardens. The Grand faces Place de l'Opera. Central reservations 01-741 9000, or 0345 581 444 from outside London.

Shona Crawford Poole

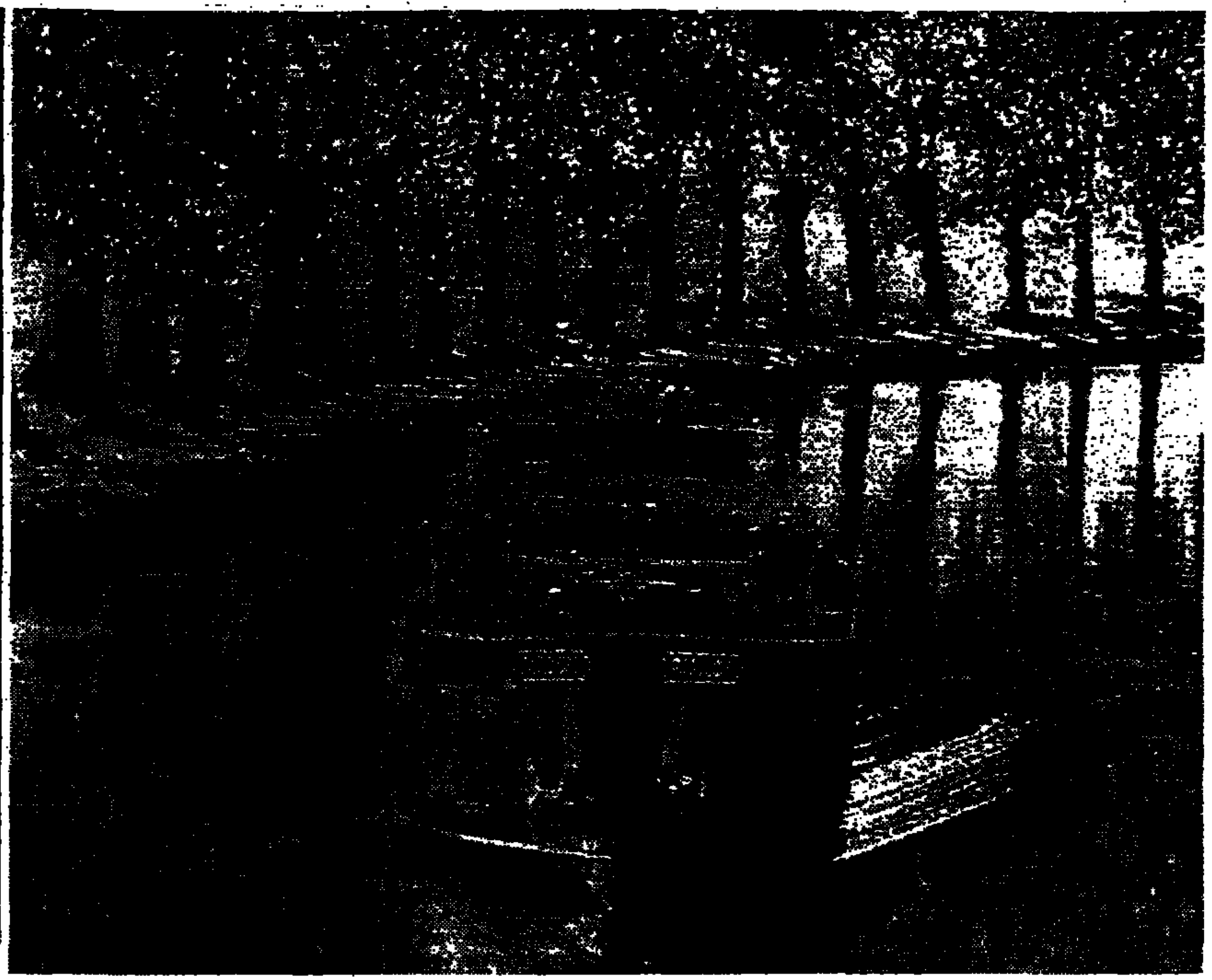


Image of summer: messing about on a hotel barge in the heart of France is one of those pleasures whose memory never fades

Water combines well with fine Burgundy

Canals are even lovelier the second time around, says Rob Neillands — especially if the journey is luxurious

One of the great rules of travel ought to be "Never go back". Return to anywhere after alapse of some years and, be it never so lovely, it will seem somehow smaller, drabber, less exciting than on that original visit, so that even the fond memory of the first time loses a little of its golden glow. However, there has to be an exception to every rule, and I found it on a barge-cruise through Burgundy.

To set this last trip in context, we have to go back to our original visit during that long, hot summer of 1976. Quite apart from the weather, which was glorious, the trip was a real adventure.

Four of us squeezed on to a four-berth cruiser — which is usually a mistake, unless all four are either very small or very friendly. Fortunately we got on well, the countryside was beautiful, the towns historic, and the canal virtually free of traffic, so the basic ingredients were all there for a perfect holiday.

On the other hand, apart from memorable and marvellously inexpensive meals in small villages along the canal, I have to add that life on board was a trifle stark. Only a hunchback could really use the bathroom and my wife took to stealing crafty cold showers from the fresh-water hoses in the lock-keepers' gardens.

When this practice was detected we had a terrible scene. Water was in very short supply during the summer of 1976, and I can recall waiting for ages for another craft to come along, for only then would the *éclusier* finally consent to flush his lock and let us through.

Taking terrifying leaps from the lockside down on to the upper deck of the boat far below was another memorable diversion, but apparently the only way to get back on board. In short, while great fun, our first canal cruise in France was a little on the Spartan side, and very energetic.

But if there has to be a *caveat* to that "Never go back" rule, it might be "But if you must, then do it differently". The good ship Fleur de Lys, one of those vast, well-equipped hotel barges, was certainly different.

The Fleur de Lys is a large luxury craft with plenty of room on board for eight people — who will still have to be very friendly, though, if they are to take full advantage of the staterooms' four-poster beds. There are vast bathrooms *en suite*, hot water, a pool on the upper deck, a dining room; Indian antiques in the sitting-room; books, music, an attentive staff and excellent food.

Add to this the enduring pleasures of cruising the Burgundy canals and a well-chosen itinerary that takes in at least some of the fine sights in this much-neglected province, and it will be clear that a cruise down the Canal de Bourgogne on the Fleur de Lys is an experience indeed.

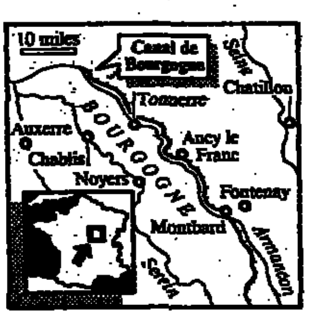
There are some 40 of these hotel barges now plying the inland waterways of France — from Picardy south to the Canal du Midi — but this Canal de Bourgogne, which first opened in 1834, is one of the finest routes, not least because some wonderful places either lie on the canal or are within easy reach on foot, or on one of those bicycles that all the best barges carry for their clients.

This cruise begins at Montbard, a rather splendid town, once the home of M. le Comte de Buffon, a pioneer naturalist born in the castle here in 1707. The barge cruises north-west from Montbard, past little Chablis, to the wonderful châteaux at Tonnerre and Ancy-le-Franc, both of which lie within walking distance of the canal; then on to such little-known medieval gems as the fortress town of Noyers, or the well-preserved Cistercian abbey at Fontenay, which lies a little west of Montbard and was one of the few religious houses in France to escape destruction during the Revolution.

The speed of the barge is adjusted to suit the whims of the passengers, but the pace is always relaxed and the living easy, with nothing much to do but sit back, see the sights float past along this beautiful waterway and let the crew do all the tricky bits in the locks or when the big working barges squeeze past.

Life on a canal is always full of interest, and there are plenty of other canals to cruise when we feel like going again.

Just visiting: Auxerre, near Chablis, is typically Burgundian



TRAVEL NOTES

This six-day all-inclusive tour on the Canal de Bourgogne can be booked through Abercrombie and Kent Travel, Sloane Square House, Holbein Place, London SW1W 8NS (01-730 9600) or 235 9761). The Fleur de Lys is available only for private group travel and costs from £1,886 per head for six people. A *similar craft on the* Canal du Midi costs from £1,044 per head. Hotel barges are also available on the Loire and on the Canal du Centre at prices from £1,015. Note that these prices include all meals, unlimited refreshments, excursions and use of all facilities, but not flights or transfers.

OUT AND ABOUT

BAYSDAY AT LONDON ZOO: *London Zoo plays host to the* British Association of Young Scientists. Events include British finals of the European Philips Contest for Young Scientists and Inventors and the British Gas/BAYS *Mastermind* competition. Also animal mask-making "meet the animals" shows.
London Zoo, Regents Park, London NW1 (01-722 3333). Today 10am-4pm. Adult £3.60, child £1.80.

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Towerlands, Panfield Road, Braintree, Essex (0376 26802). Today, tomorrow 10am-6pm. Adult 60p, child 40p.

ART HISTORY BOOK FARE: Books, catalogues, magazines and audio visual material about architecture, film, painting, photography, sculpture, design *and crafts.*
Raphael Cartoon Room, Victoria & Albert Museum, London SW7 (01-589 6371). Today 10am-6pm, tomorrow 2pm-5.30pm. Admission, *including catalogue, free.*

BIRD BOX/TABLE MAKING DAY: Learn how to make a nesting box and bird table.
Tunnel End Canal & Countryside Centre, Waters Road, Marsden, Huddersfield, West Yorkshire (0484 846062). Tomorrow from 10.30am. *Charge for materials £1.*

MOTHERING SUNDAY STEAMING: Great Western Railway engines in steam, rides and lunches in saloon carriages.
Didcot Railway Centre, Didcot, Oxfordshire (0235 817200). Tomorrow 11am-5pm. Admission adult £2, child £1.

OTHER MOTHER'S DAY STEAM EVENTS: Mid Hants Railway, Arlesford, Hampshire (0962 733810). Midland Railway Centre, Butterley Station, Ripley, Derbyshire (0773 47674).

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New Ambassadors Hotel, Upper Woburn Place, London WC1 (01-387 1456). Tomorrow, 10am-4pm. Adult £1, child under 14 free.

GROWING SPACE: Last day of exhibition about town gardens. Roddy Llewellyn will give advice on landscaping
Selfridges Exhibition Hall, Oxford Street, London W1 (01-629 1234) Today 9am-6pm. Free.

WORKING SUNDAY AT WORSBROUGH MILL: 17th century water mill and 19th century engine mill at work producing stoneground flour and meal.
Worsbrough Mill Museum, Worsbrough, Barnsley, South Yorkshire (0226-203961). Tomorrow 11am-5pm. Voluntary contribution, adult 25p, child 10p.

Judy Froshaug

IN THE GARDEN

Give your lawn a bit of breathing space

Spring is here — and that means getting the lawnmower out of hibernation. Francesca Greenoak has some cutting hints

Martin Handford

We have come a long way since 1830, when a textile engineer named Edwin Budding spotted the potential for a lawnmower in nap-cutting machinery for cloth. Unfortunately, however, there are those who would say that progress was not altogether a good thing — besides the noise of power mowing, there are frighteningly high figures for mower accidents (100,000 serious cases and seven fatalities last year).

However, the main mower manufacturers are making a big effort to design and promote safety features. Much research has been put into the new plastic-bladed orbital mowers which cut grass effectively but will not shear the cable — or slice off your toe. Cut cables can mean electrocution if you pick up the end without remembering to turn off the current at the socket. Contrary to popular belief, a fused plug will not protect *you* — only the appliance.

Safest of all is to have a circuit-breaker system attached to your mains fuse board. But if you don't want to pay the £100 it costs for equipment and installation, there are circuit-breaker adapters (protector plugs or RCCDs) which you simply plug into your socket (they should also be used with electric hedge-cutters, irons and other devices) for as little as £13.95.

On July 1 the new EEC restrictions on lawnmower noise come into force. They are still too lenient, but a step towards creating a responsible awareness of the problem and perhaps directing the technologists towards inventing a quiet mower. Even though the new requirements strictly apply only to mowers *manufactured* after July, some makers are already promoting mowers below the minimum noise level. Public pressure will obviously hasten progress and it is worth making a strong point about it to retailers.

As environmental consciousness increases, it becomes obvious that close-shaven lawns are not especially desirable unless you intend to play bowls. Like any green plant, grass needs leaf to be healthy and allowing it just a little more length saves time and expense while maintaining a pleasant neatness. Many people who are growing meadow wild flowers are discovering how attractive and interesting a grassy area can be. Experimenting with contour and texture, you can make close-mown paths curve invitingly through slightly taller grass, laced with daisies, violets, primroses, cowslips and self-heal.

There is little advice available on how to keep such lawns at their best. People with large gardens can wait for hay-making time and cut the grass in late summer, but very long grass does look rather scruffy by summer, and those of us with smaller gardens may want to cut sooner — probably after the spring flowers have seeded.

It has taken me several months to find a mower which could provide close-cut paths and lawn by the house, but which was strong enough to cope with mid-length growth and a *fairly rough duck pen* and had adjustable blade settings high enough to skim over primrose leaves. It also needed to be small and manoeuverable, to get along narrow grass paths and around fruit trees and espalier posts.

Preferably with grass catcher — but without rollers — It also had to be petrol-driven to enable me to reach distant paths. The little Speedy rotary (F35KE with 14 inch cut) suited me perfectly. It even hangs up neatly for winter storage and I was pleased to discover it was about the cheapest petrol-powered mower.

The aim is to make a friend of your lawn mower, rather than to become its slave: many perform extra functions such as lawn-edging or mulching. *In an enlightened mixed* economy of grass care, cutting the lawn might again become as Mr Budding intended — "amusing, useful and healthful".

Electric circuit breakers: Flymo Low Price Protector Plug available at £13.95 at shops and garden centres. B & R unit available from RoSPA also at £13.95 if you buy a Qualcast electric mower, otherwise about £20.

Details of Speedy range from Danarm Ltd, Stafford Mill Estate, London Road, Stroud, Gloucestershire GL5 2BP

Qualcast catalogue from Qualcast, Sunnyhill Avenue, Sunnyhill, Derby DE3 7JT suggests which type of mower — rotary, orbital or cylinder — is best for specific requirements. Flymo's catalogues are available from stockists or Flymo, Hurworth Road, Aycliffe Industrial Estate, Newton Aycliffe, Co Durham, DL5 6UP.

GARDENING NEWS

LASTING BLOOMS: Flower arrangers make cut flowers last longer in various ingenious ways — for example, putting a drop of household bleach or two in with daffodils helps to delay the water sliming.

And here's a new idea for extending the life of a Mothering Sunday bouquet. Originated in Holland, and on sale here as ICI's Keriblooms Cut-Flower Preservative, it consists of a pack of small neat labels which you put in the vase or stick around a flower stem.

Dissolve a teaspoon of sugar in the water for every pint used. The sugar provides extra energy to the blooms, and a bacteriocide in the label kills mico-organisms in the water which would cause slime and smell. If the bacteria are stifled, the tissues in the stems don't *get clogged up and fade the* colours of the flower.

It is a good idea to to use tepid rather than cold water, and trim the flower stems at an angle to provide a greater water-conducting surface.
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Send a first-class stamp to Atlas Organic Seeds, 40 Victoria Street, Braintree, Essex for details.

WEEKEND TIPS

- Put in bare-rooted plants without delay, if you still have any, provided the ground is not frozen.
- Cut back late-flowering *Caenothus* to previous season's growth.
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RESTAURANT GUIDE

Rich pickings from a pizza

Twenty-two years ago today an itinerant student opened a pizza place in London — an eating revolution that has spawned a hugely profitable fast-food franchise chain, says

Godfrey Golzen

Fast foodster: Peter Boizot outside the flagship of his restaurant chain

Ros Drinkwater

There are dangers in pioneering a new taste in food, but if you get it right it can be a recipe for success. Peter Boizot proved this when he opened PizzaExpress, Britain's first speciality pizza restaurant, in Soho, 22 years ago today.

Mr Boizot had seen the potential of pizzas as a form of gourmet fast food during his years of wandering round Europe as a student and language teacher in the 1950s. They were cheap, good to eat and easy to prepare and he wondered why nobody had thought of introducing them to Britain.

Some reasons became obvious as he got going. To make pizzas of the best Italian standard he had to import a special oven, which turned out to be too big to go through his restaurant door. He had to knock down a wall and remove expensive plate glass to get it installed. Then the trained pizza-maker he had brought over from Italy decided to go home just before opening day.

Almost the last straw was when he found out that someone across the road had had the same idea and was planning to offer pizzas at lower prices.

"Peter's trump card was that he had a clear picture of his market," says Ian Neill, who is now managing director of what has become a chain of 38 restaurants. "They were people who didn't have a lot of money, but who cared about the surroundings as well as the food."

To implement the design part of his concept, Mr Boizot brought in one of Europe's top interior designers, cartoonist and bon viveur Enzo Apicella. All PizzaExpress restaurants bear his distinctive stamp.

The quality of the food matches the decor. PizzaExpress have been given top ratings in both the 1986 and 1987 *Budget Good Food Guides*, though the recipes are kept simple. They comprise about 20 pizza toppings, with a few deletions and additions every year. You can have a meal with wine for about £6 a head in a setting which makes it feel like an informal occasion rather than a grab at fast food.

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There is a another reason for sticking to this simple format. Twenty-seven of the company's 38 restaurants are franchises. Operators buy the right to use the name and the corporate identity, which costs them £12,500 as an initial fee out of a total start-up cost of £120,000-£150,000 for rebuilding work and fitting out. Two-thirds of this can be borowed from the banks which now take a favourable view of franchising as a form of self-employment. The sum also includes training in making pizzas the PizzaExpress way.

'Operationally, franchise agreements are restrictive'

Expertise is a key element in franchising and its essence is that it must be easy to transfer. Pizzas are not really difficult to make, so they are ideal for this form of trading. It also accounts for the rapid spread of pizzerias of all kinds; that, and the wide acceptance of what used to be regarded as exotic food.

Once trained, operators pay a royalty of 4.5 per cent of sales to cover the continuing cost of support on the management side of running a restaurant – in particular, stock control, accounting and staff relations. They also have to buy most of their supplies from sources nominated by PizzaExpress.

Given that degree of control, to what extent *is the business really their own*, as the franchisors claim?

"Operationally, franchising agreements are restrictive," Mr Neill admits. "They lay down a set of methods which everyone in the network agrees to stick to in order to preserve uniform standards. On the other hand, we also say that if you do it our way, you will achieve a predicted level of profits which should bring recovery of your whole initial investment within three to four years. And you can later sell the business as your own.

"But I grant you, taking up a franchise wouldn't suit a highly creative chef."

Mr Neill gets about 10 inquiries a week from would-be operators. "There are plenty of people with the money to put down", *he says. "The difficulty is finding* those with the right temperament. We look for good managers who want to run a restaurant which happens to be franchise, rather than the other way round."

Like most franchisors, he reports that good operators are mostly people who have been reasonably successful in their previous careers, and that these have only rarely been in a related field.

The growth of PizzaExpress has been gradual compared to the explosion in the pizza business overall. Part of the reason for that is its careful selection of operators and the policy of not spreading its network too far from its main source of supply in London, though it now has an outlet in Jersey and is beginning to open up in the West and the Midlands.

But finding suitable sites has become a problem. Fast food restaurants, with their reputation for generating litter, are not the planners' favourites and Pizza Express has suffered from that by association, even though takeaways are only a small part of the business.

"Good restaurants can play a crucial role *in upgrading a neighbourhood,"* Mr Neill says. "That kind of advocacy is beginning to play as important a role in our future business strategy as the mechanics of expansion."

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THE TIMES COOK

Fresh thinking on food

Guest cook **Lynda Brown** offers six basic rules for wiser eating and some simple ways to enjoy their effect

Diana Leadbetter

The temptation, as guest cook, is to pull out your best dinner party dishes and impress. That new dish with asparagus, perhaps, or maybe salmon trout served with a delicate sorrel sauce. But you've heard all that before and who, save gardeners and the lucky few, can buy sorrel anyway?

Instead, from me some simpler fare laced with a little food for thought — six basic rules designed for those who want to eat well but wisely.

First, throw away your DHSS reports on dietary goals. Enlightened cooks need Elizabeth David, not the DHSS. Second, re-think your use of salt and that TV cook phenomenon, "lots of freshly ground black pepper". Third, rather than substitutes, use butter, good olive oil, and cream, but use them sparingly. Fourth, consider your beleaguered digestion. If one course is rich, keep the rest light. Fifth, don't be too concerned about fibre — the best things are full of it. Sixth, stay with your favourite cooks and favourite recipes, just adapt them to produce familiar food with a fresher taste. Most of all, enjoy yourself; eating wisely is liberation, not penance.

This is a soup of some delicacy, to be served in small portions.

Leek and avocado vichyssoise
Serves six

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- water
- 60-120ml (2-4fl oz) single cream

Simmer the leeks in the stock in a covered pan for 20 minutes until soft. Cool, then process or blend till absolutely smooth with the avocado. Adjust the consistency with water, adding cream to taste, check the seasoning and serve cold. It is equally good without cream.

Leek and lamb hotpot
Serves four

- 2 neck or best end chops per person, trimmed of obvious fat
- 675g (1½lb) prepared leeks, sliced into rounds
- 1-2 tomatoes, chopped
- large sprig of thyme
- 4-5 crushed juniper berries
- 1k (2-2¼lb) potatoes, peeled and sliced not too thin
- 300ml (½pt) lamb stock plus water

Sear the chops on both sides in a non-stick frying pan over a high heat. Either choose a deep pot and arrange in layers, finishing with potatoes on top in the usual way, or choose a shallower casserole which will take the chops in a single layer, sandwiching them between the leeks and seasonings, with potatoes again on top. Add a couple of diced kidneys, too, if you like them. Deglaze the pan with the stock (or use water if no stock available), pour into the casserole, and add enough hot water to come just short of the potatoes. Brush these with melted butter, cover, and cook in a low oven, gas mark 1-2/140-150°C/275-300°F, for the first 1½ hours, then uncover, raising the heat a notch for another hour or so. If necessary, finish browning the potatoes under the grill.

Here is a dish of sublime savouriness, for olive oil freaks and cold April nights.

Cod baked with olive oil, garlic and potatoes
Serves four

- 4 thick cod steaks or fillets
- 340-350g (12oz-1lb) onions, finely sliced
- 1k (2-2¼lb) waxy potatoes
- 8 black olives, stoned and quartered
- 8 large cloves of garlic
- extra virgin olive oil

Sweat the onion in a little olive oil in a heavy covered pan over the gentlest of heat until soft, golden and much reduced. Take care over this, give them a good 30 minutes, and stir from time to time. Boil the potatoes until just cooked, then cut into thickish slices. Blanch the garlic for 3-4 minutes also (pop them in with the potato water); peel, slice into halves or quarters.

The rest is assembly. Choose a shallow ovenproof dish which will just take the fish snugly and brush the bottom and sides with olive oil. Arrange a good layer of potatoes on the bottom surmounted by a third of the onions. Put the cod steaks on top, neatly, tucking in the rest of the potatoes down by their sides and slipping in a few slivers of garlic here and there. Finish with the remaining onions, dot with olives and the rest of the garlic and dribble 2 or 3 tablespoons of oil over the surface. Bake in a hot oven, gas mark 5-6/190-200°C/375-400°F for about 35 minutes.

The exact timing will depend on the fish and requires judgement. What you're after is the fish nicely but not overcooked, and the onions and potatoes beginning to brown at the edges — be prepared to juggle with the oven or shelf settings towards the end. Serve with a plain green salad, bread, and a little jug of olive oil to add a few drops as an aromatic seasoning to the fish at the table. Bliss.

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EATING OUT

The authentic taste of old Soho

Restaurants don't improve with age, they just get more expensive, says

Jonathan Meades

Francis Mosley

The autumn before last a restaurant called La Maison d'Alsace opened in Old Compton Street, Soho. It didn't see the winter through; indeed, it didn't see the autumn through.

The brief lives of little businesses are mysterious. Why should this place, whose cooking may have had little to do with that of its titular province but was nonetheless absolutely sound, have gone to the wall when meretricious dumps of the same vintage have survived and thrived? And, further, what is it that promotes real longevity in restaurants?

Plainly it has nothing to do with excellence, value for money, charm or congeniality. Just as the world is full of nonagenarians who have drunk a quart of vodka and smoked four packs of Capstan Full Strength every day for the past three-quarters of a century, so is Soho — well, *not full* of, but dimly constellated with, eating places that have simply gone on and on.

Chez Victor has sat in Wardour Street since the beginning of the century. It looks it. This is not your mellow oldster but an embittered misanthrope, a sort of Steptoe *père* of a restaurant. In its defence you might plead authenticity. But authenticity is, with sincerity, a most overvalued property.

At Chez Victor the service is authentically surly, the grime is authentically grimy; the cooking is authentically *vieux jeu*, which might be a desirable attribute were it not for its ineptitude. The menu — which was gracelessly shoved at me — offers *tripes*, brains, *tête de veau* — all the proper bourgeois standbys that are increasingly rare in France and threatened species here.

But after a plate of lukewarm brains with poorly done black butter and an endlessly warmed-over *tête de veau*, you're bound to wonder whether such dishes can ever be worth the trouble in a city that doesn't have a taste for them. The best thing at Chez Victor is *thon à l'huile* which is probably the result of one highly skilled cook opening a can of tuna and heaving it on to a plate — pure magic. That is, pure magic compared with what tastes like supermarket cheeses, overcooked mussels, feeble chocolate mousse. Thankfully neither the wines nor the spirits are "house" bottled so they, like the tuna, may be tackled with the abandon that suffuses the punter who knows they're kitchen-free: decent Gigondas, amer Picon to start and non-viscous poire to finish. £50 for two.

La Capannina is a mere stripling, just over a quarter of a century old, and resolutely of that time when "Italian" was signalled by rush-matted Chianti bottles on the ceiling and amphetamine-driven waiters on the floor. The other give-aways to its age are maladroitly hewn beams and artily random chunks of stone poking through the plaster.

The cooking, if you choose right, is proper. For example: a most delicious risotto with porcini. The menu says that these mushrooms are dried, which should be self-evident at this time of year, but this little excess of humility does not say that they will be correctly brought back to life. They are. And the rice is cooked with a care that one rarely finds in this country.

> **'This is not a mellow oldster but a sort of Steptoe *père* of a restaurant'**

Besides this there are heavyweight portions of calf's liver with rosemary, first division spinach, correctly grilled and certifiably fresh sardines, good chips, skate with (again) an indifferent black butter.

There are also incredibly small tables; so many men with grey leather shoes that you wonder if this is the code for entry; zabaglione served in a cheap mug, which is really rather nice. Two will pay £45.

This place, then, keeps going because of its undemonstrative prowess and its absolute professionalism: it is functional, unfussy and offers much better cooking than the majority of the later wave of (equally dated) "designer" Italian places. It is also much friendlier. It is essential to book at lunchtime.

The wine list at La Capannina is brief and less than exciting. That at Au Jardin des Gourmets (established 1931, though decoratively amended quite recently) is protracted and full of potential delights to the body and shocks to the wallet — which is not to say that its wares are exorbitantly marked up; they're really rather reasonably priced in their exalted brackets. From the cheaper end came a 1983 Santenay, La Maladière, which was balmy with just a bit of vindaloo — £18, and the only bargain in a meal that was otherwise akin to putting money on a three-legged steeplechaser.

With the exception of an oxtail stew that was over-reliant on tomato purée the dishes were faultless, but they were also vaguely featureless — notable mainly for their technical accomplishment and their stiffish prices. Notable too, in the case of sautéed fresh foie gras, for parsimony. This delicious liver at a startling £12 a go came in a joke-sized portion — three slivers of domino size but only a third as thick. Very good, mind you; done in clarified butter and served with deliciously caramelized apples.

Both the oxtail and some lamb fillet suggested that the establishment patronizes a good butcher. The lamb was sauced, said the menu, with truffles, Madeira and foie gras: it is not easy to determine how such components combine to produce so citric an item. The sweets were all right; the service by a rather glamorous Frenchman who knew that he was rather glamorous was perky and prompt; the aperitifs were over £4 each; the total tab was a frightening £97. I guess that one route to survival is to charge the earth.

Chez Victor, 45 Wardour Street, W1 (01-437 6523/734 3123), noon-2.30pm Mon to Fri, 6-11.15pm Mon to Sat. Closed Sat lunch and Sun.
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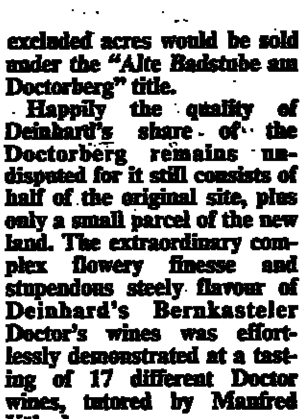
DRINK

Send for the Doctor


Eric Beaumont

It is a tragedy for the fine German wine industry that the lion's share of the 180 million bottles of German wine brought to Britain last year (almost a third of our consumption) was little more than cheap, bland £2-a-throw sugar water. And it is even more upsetting to learn from Manfred Völpel, of Deinhard, in Koblenz, that the 1971 German Wine Law, with what he describes as its "lawnmower tactics", actually encourages growers to give up their high-quality but difficult-to-work vineyards and to trim the others down to one (lower) quality level.

But great German estates do exist, and none is more capable of restoring the health and tarnished reputation of the German wine industry than the most famous of them, Bernkasteler Doctor — the jewel in the crown of German viticulture, according to Völpel.

The stomach-churningly steep Doctorberg vineyard, with its dark blue-grey Devon slate soil, towers above the town of *Bernkastel* on the Middle Mosel. Vines have no doubt flourished here since Roman times, but the earliest reference to this important vineyard is a 1685 document stating that 5,000 vines grew on *"im Doctor"*. Exactly what variety of wine it was is not known, but a harvest inspection of 1722 documents both the Riesling and "red grapes" as growing on the Doctorberg, the latter probably the white Elbling variety with its red skin.

In 1900 Wegeler-Deinhard purchased part of the Doctorberg for the unprecedented sum of 100 gold marks per square metre. By 1970 the Doctor vineyard comprised almost 3½ acres, of which Deinhard owned just over half. In 1971, however, the new wine law madethe minimum size for *any* vineyard just over 12 acres. Expanding the Doctorberg by taking in neighbouring vineyards would result, the existing Doctor growers argued, in a dramatic drop in quality, and in 1984 a compromise was reached; the Bernkasteler Doctor vineyards would be upped from 3½ acres to around eight, and wines made from the four or so excluded acres would be sold under the *"Alte Badstube am Doctorberg"* title.

Happily the quality of Deinhard's share of the Doctorberg remains undisputed for it still consists of half of the original site, plus only a small parcel of the new land. The extraordinary complex flowery finesse and stupendous steely flavour of Deinhard's Bernkasteler Doctor's wines was effortlessly demonstrated at a tasting of 17 different Doctor wines, tutored by Manfred Völpel.

After a pleasing palate rinser of the waxy '74 Kabinett and the soft, slightly disappointing '73 Kabinett, we got on to the serious business of evaluating 15 different Bernkasteler Doctor wines from Deinhard. For me the most starry wines were the sensational ripe, waxy '75 Spätlese, the amazing lime-blossom-like '53 Auslese, plus the butterscotch-nosed '75 Beerenauslese and the extraordinarily luscious apricot-like '73 Beerenauslese Eiswein.

One notch down came the vibrant young '85 Spätlese, plus the intense, rich, almost burnt '76 and fine, steely '71 Auslesen. Next in line was the warm waxy '73 Spätlese, the tealeaf-like '59 Beerenauslese, plus the barley-sugar-redolent '76 Trockenbeerenauslese.

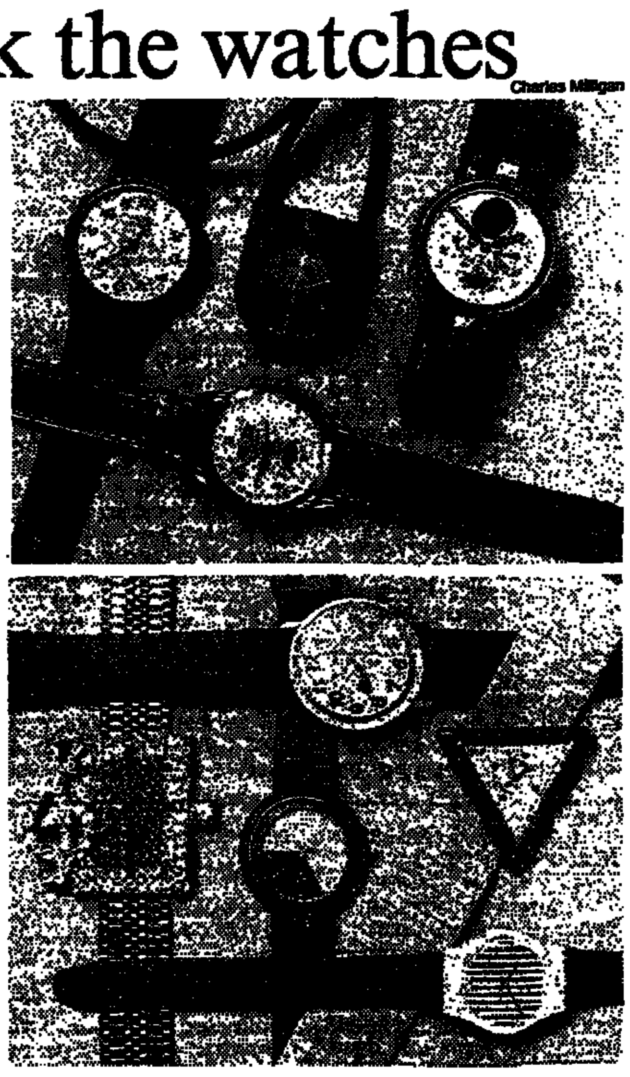
The final Bernkasteler Doctor rung consisted of the raw '81 Spätlese, the heavy '66 Spätlese, the burnt '51 Spätlese, a tart lemony '79 Auslese, plus the fading sinewy '49.

(Mature vintages of Bernkasteler Doctor are difficult to get hold of except at auctions. But Berry Bros & Rudd, 3 St James's Street, London SW1 stock the 1983 Auslese for £26.)

Jane MacQuitty

SHOPPING

Clock the watches


Charles Milligan

Tonight we advance into British Summer Time, and to celebrate the advent of lighter, longer evenings, we've selected some timely good-lookers, both classic and sporty.

Classic movements (top picture): left, time-honoured simplicity of Sekonda's cream-faced quartz watch, £32.95, from Joseph Pour La Maison, 6 Sloane Street, SW1. Centre, pendant watch by **Bruno Ninaber van Eyben**, £199, from Authentics, 42 Shelton Street, WC2. Right, **Gerald Genta** Safari watch in 18ct gold, £4,600 from The Watch Gallery, 129 Fulham Road, SW3. *Bottom*, renovated 1950s gold-plated automatic **Moon Phase** watch, £400, from Thomas Kettle, 53a Neal Street, WC2.

Trendy tickers (bottom picture): left, bejewelled **Treble Clef** fake "watch", £48 by mail order (please enclose £1 p&p) from WomansWear Resources Buyers Centre, 25-26 Poland Street, London W1. Centre, **Office Watch** with 9am-5pm grey area, £14.95, and right, pink triangular digital watch, £10.95, both from In-Time shop at Selfridges, Oxford Street, W1. Top, **Ole Mathiesen** watch with aeroplane-wing hands, £250, from Oggetti, 100 Jermyn Street, London W1. Bottom, sporty Blue Note **Swatch** watch, £25, from leading jewellers and stores.

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● Moggies get a raw deal these days. It's estimated that three out of four cats die in road accidents in Greater London. A new type of reflective collar, visible at 500 feet in car headlamps, has soft, flexible teeth which splay out to reflect light through a wide angle of vision and are unlikely to get buried in the animal's fur. It costs £1.99 and is available direct from Pet Mate, Crane House, Gould Road, Twickenham, Mddx (01-898 7393 for credit card orders).

Nicole Swengley

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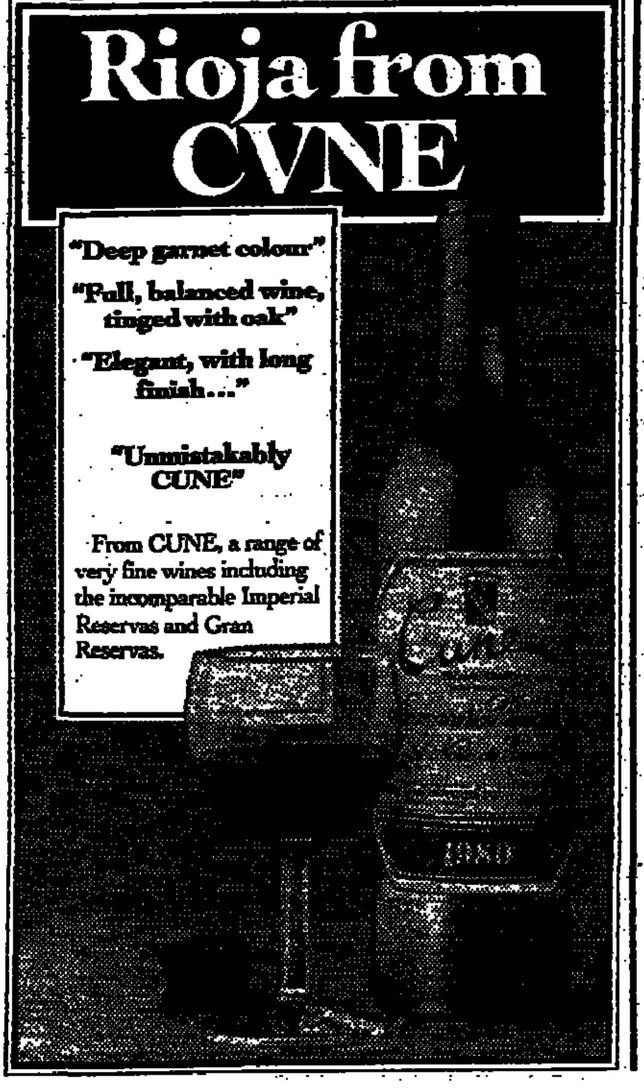
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THE ARTS

Catholic tastes

So here is a nun who became a folk singer, a pornographer who used to be in a seminary, a priest who tells Saturday night jokes before Sunday morning Mass, a Nicaraguan revolutionary told by the Pope to clean up his act, and the sweet aged lady who inspired *The Sound of Music*. Not much in common there, you might think, but this is *Arena* (BBC2), fresh from the boundaries in art in last week's phototherapy programme, leaping in where angels might

TELEVISION

think twice about making cosy generalizations.

Get a few famous people who were attracted to the Catholic religious life but chose art and entertainment instead and hey presto, here is a clever little programme which strings together a few of the theatrical highlights of Catholicism and proves that underneath, it's all showbiz. Or alternatively that underneath, it's all religion.

The trouble with these neat ideas is that they depend on the articulateness or otherwise of your victims. Of the seven who were awkwardly juxtaposed here, only two had anything remotely interesting to say. Ernesto Cardenal, the Nicaraguan Minister of Culture, talked about religion, politics and the Pope's authority. Film director Martin Scorsese, most sensible of those who tried religion and found it didn't work, understood it all: it was obsessive behaviour, and he did not take long to recover.

For some reason we were treated to extensive footage of the San Gennaro celebrations in New York and Naples during this sequence and some entirely fatuous readings from popular devotions by Cyril Cusack in his ingratiating priest voice. Descending rapidly through a bearded singer ready to be cast for the lead part in *The Greatest Story Ever Told*, we hit rock bottom with Bob Guccione, creator of *Penthouse*. "I'm very sensually orientated," he smarmed.

Cut, after some more waffle about design talent, to Bernini's St Teresa. Sensually orientated, you see. Bernini knew a thing or two about entertainment. Which one was he in *The Sound of Music*?

William Holmes

Women steal the show

THEATRE

Comedians
Everyman, Liverpool

As a lesson in the tenacity of sexist prejudice this female version of Trevor Griffiths's play would be hard to beat. Girl comedians may have been proliferating in the 12 years since the first production of Comedians. But the piece itself seems so exclusively masculine — both in its comic material, and in its portrait of a class of van drivers, labourers and milkmen hoping for a showbusiness break — as to defeat any idea of a switch in gender.

If the author had any qualms about this, he swallowed them when Kate Rowland sent him a video of the "school for comediennes" which she ran at Liverpool last year; and, in collaboration with the company, he reworked the text for the production Miss Rowland has now directed at the Everyman.

The first surprise, in an evening of suprises, is that the first act remains almost unchanged. The off-stage jobs of the class have largely been edited out; and at the announced arrival of the London talent scout, he changes from "an agent's man" to "an agent (sinister pause) and a man". Otherwise the improvizations and tongue-twisters, and the comic friction between the competitors, sound as if they have been written for these abrasive Liverpool ladies.

If anything, they strengthen the reality of the scene. Originally, Griffiths undermined his argument against comic stereotyping by introducing a stage full of stereotypes. But when the Irishmen and the Jew change sex, they simply turn into people.

There remains the question of their teacher, a veteran stand-up comic who, throughout the play, never cracks a joke. As originally played by Jimmy Jewel this did not matter: you knew he could if he wanted to. Ann Mitchell does not have that advantage: but as Ella Waters, the Lancashire Lass, she radiates a fervour that is all the more potent for its subdued, unsmiling contrast with high-charged egos exploding all round her.

The second act, credited jointly to Griffiths and to five members of the company, shows the girls doing their stuff for a club audience during a break from bingo. With the exception of the revolutionary finale the routines have been almost wholly rewritten. But, while substituting jokes about Irish husbands and other objects of female scorn for the original targets, they present the same inner drama of resistance or capitulation to the commercial talent scout.

An added fascination is the presence in the company of two professional comedians: Jenny Lecoat, who brilliantly takes on the role of the only comically untalented member of the group; and Pauline Daniels, who lives up to her local reputation as Queen of Liverpool's club-circuit by carving her way through a choice set of taboo topics: she is rude, aggressive, and side-splittingly funny.

Finally, Cheryl Maiker steps into the long shadow of Jonathan Pryce (the original star pupil) with her nightmare Grock routine. Miss Maiker has nothing like Pryce's dangerous magnetism and does not dominate the rest of the play as he did. But in this scene, she out-classes him. A white-faced clown punk, she is neither man nor woman: only a spectre of hate-filled destitution, who approaches her two elegantly dressed doll victims with snarling pleasantries, shakes them into laughter, and leaves the man with blood seeping down his gleaming white shirt front. I do not know how this production would work elsewhere. In Liverpool it makes your hair stand on end.

The point of this is blurred in the last act, which is played in a portentous, dragging undertone, and shows Miss Maiker — the author's intended victor — losing hands down to the stronger personality of Miss Mitchell. Otherwise, the show does not put a foot wrong.

Irving Wardle

Phil Coats

Carving her way through a choice set of taboo topics: Pauline Daniels in the all-female *Comedians*

Celebrations for the LSC

CONCERTS

LSC/Hickox
Barbican

Although the idea of a twenty-first birthday concert seems a shade dubious, there could be few reservations about celebrating the London Symphony Chorus's continued prosperity.

On its night, and especially at the Barbican (where, like figures in some animated Hoffnung cartoon, 200 singers must squash comically on to those somewhat inadequate choir stalls), the LSC can produce a *forte* so useful in *tone*, yet so punchy in impact, that it knocks one between the eyes.

This was its night in every sense. There were passages in Beethoven's Mass in C which bubbled with the combination of confidence, exuberance and uninhibited expression that only well-trained amateurs achieve: the great acclamations of *Deum de Deo, Lumen de Lumine*, the fugal *Et Vitam Venturi* (cohesive and crystalline at a rattling tempo), the top Cs that end the Hosannas.

In contrast to these full-throated outbursts, the opening of the Sanctus had almost a chapel-choir sort of purity. And the *Agnus Dei* revealed *another facet of the choir's* responsiveness: a sudden drop to whisper, urgent and startling, on the repeated intonations of "Miserere".

The well-matched team of soloists (Alison Hargan, Margaret Cable, John Graham-Hall, Willard White) made sensitive contributions here and elsewhere.

Richard Hickox, the LSC's conductor, could perhaps have sharpened up the orchestral detail a little more, to match his choir's tremendous dynamic range. There could be no complaints, however, about the orchestral playing in Stravinsky's *Oedipus Rex*, or indeed about any other aspect of this splendidly vivid performance, which threw aside the myth's marble mask to reveal its inner anguish.

Philip Langridge gave a superbly intense account of the title role: volatile, obsessive, ending affectingly in a whimper. Felicity Palmer, who took on Jocasta at barely an hour's notice, invested the part with the right sort of steely, edge-of-madness delivery, and Robert Hardy pointed the narrator's lines with characteristic pungency and relish.

Again, though, it was the chorus (men only, of course) who most caught the air. Their incisive and throaty attack of the great "Gloria" chorus, supported by Stravinsky's plangent orchestral textures, crowned a memorable evening.

Richard Morrison

Rich fruits from barren ground

Yerma
Cottesloe

On a grey square bounded by flights of steps or plain doors, and watched on all four sides by an intent audience, Di Trevis's production of Lorca's rural tragedy is a thrilling and *magnificent experience*.

It is magnificent as a spectacle (designed by Pamela Howard), and thrilling as a drama that varies style and pace but never relaxes, steadily reeling in its line of plot, drawing from the cast of 15 women and three men ensemble acting of exceptional quality.

Lorca's passionate concern is with the women of rural Spain, held back by stern upbringing from forcing the bars that keep them from sexual fulfilment. Yerma is *married to a workaholic* farmer and their union has not been blessed with issue (*yerma* is Spanish for wasteland). In a village teeming with mothers, in a countryside heavy with fruit and lambs, she alone is barren.

There is some uncertainty as to what has been happening in the marriage bed. But even apart from this ambiguity, Yerma's *predicament is not* a straightforward failure of internal chemistry. Her husband (Roger Lloyd Pack, implacable yet haunted) reveals in the closing moments that he wants to love her without the interference of children, while she has always been so obsessed with mothering a son that one imagines she could do without the man altogether if need be.

Unlike Victor Garcia's trampoline production, which emphasized sexual frenzy, Di Trevis identifies Yerma's anguish as frustrated motherhood, not shortage of man flesh. Her decision is entirely justified by the text, and the play gains enormously in psychological interest.

Juliet Stevenson's Yerma, an irredeemable innocent whose moral code forbids her taking a potent lover, begins her performance giving the affectionate smiles of the girl she still is. But soon these have become thin, disapproving glares that show the gathering turmoil within, as unmentionable thoughts fight with the effort to resist them..

Her moving portrayal is placed within a society that Di Trevis and her cast make into a real community of individuals. I cannot imagine ordinary behaviour better performed.

Jeremy Kingston

Heroic bassoon

ECO/Panufnik/Davis
Queen Elizabeth Hall

In late October 1984, the expatriate Polish composer Andrzej Panufnik was about to start work on his Bassoon Concerto when he heard the news that a young priest, Jerzy Popieluszko, had been brutally murdered by some security officers outside Warsaw. This event, with its profound consequences, led Panufnik to dedicate the piece as a memorial to the hero's death. Although the bassoon, with its comic associations, may appear to be the last instrument one might have chosen, this concerto is a minor masterpiece, especially as performed here by the American player, Robert Thompson.

Panufnik himself conducted the ECO in this European premiere. The work is in five continuous movements, and although some aspects of the priest's life are hinted at, these are not spelt out in a programmatic fashion. The essence of the piece is contained in a core of three notes that surface both as a melodic and harmonic background, although it is the bassoon's extended soliloquies that express the emotional heart of the piece. It would be deeply moving music without any tragic associations.

Mr Thompson projected his part with a mesmeric directness; one was oblivious to any limitations of the instrument, and at the end of the Adagio the sonority was altered to resemble a saxophone. The heartfelt ovation at the end seemed almost an intrusion.

Carl Davis was in charge for the rest of the evening and his handling of the ECO could not have been more ingratiating. The British composer David Matthews has written his *Variations for Strings* in a style that ideally suited Davis's concern for a bright and expansively warm body of sound, as the piece exploits the traditional values of the ensemble.

In Matthews's pleasantly crafted work, which received its London premiere, we had to wait until the end to hear the theme, taken from Bach's chorale "Die Nacht ist kommen", in its unadulterated form: this, the composer explains, is because the Variations depict the activities of the day, whereas the chorale is a prayer for a peaceful night.

The concert ended with Tippett's Concerto Double String Orchestra, where there was no hint of that tiresome intensity that so many conductors take as a basic ingredient in this type of repertoire. It was unbelievable that such a joyous piece could have been written in the wake of the last war, especially since Davis's sharp definition of rhythms and concern to keep the sonorities fresh only highlighted the piece's almost reckless naivety.

James Methuen-Campbell

Made for television

PREVIEW

Channel 4 begins tomorrow a Birtwistle season, *with the* appropriate slow pulse of a week to separate four programmes that prove how well this composer's theatre music asserts itself as television. I have to confess this was not what I expected. When *Yan Tan Tethera* was produced last year in the Queen Elizabeth Hall, it seemed quite clear why it had been turned down as a television opera: the slow pace and the formality would surely not work in a medium made for immediacy.

But I was wrong. Derek Bailey's film, of what is essentially the same David Freeman production, allows the piece to exert its powerful grip *at once, and to keep hold* throughout its 80 minutes. It is even an improvement on the stage presentation, except in a couple of irritating camera tricks, for the words are clearer and, more importantly, the music comes forward to occupy its proper place, not as accompaniment, nor as background, but as present invisibly in the same screen as the action.

Yan Tan Tethera comes at the end of the series, on Easter Day, preceded by films already broadcast of *Down by the Greenwood Side* and *Punch and Judy* (here again the production is David Freeman's). But the sequence starts with a new documentary, *Behind the Mask*, directed by Andrew Snell. In little more than an hour this gives a very full introduction to Birtwistle's world, with the composer himself making brief but comprehensive comments on how his music ticks.

Surprises: Harrison Birtwistle

The images of creative design drawn from Klee, or of controlled randomness drawn from rolling pebbles, are well used, and Birtwistle invites *the camera to the heart of the* matter in a return visit to Accrington, to the "wild wood" on his father's farm, and to the power station whose construction spoiled his childhood arcady.

Other witnesses to Birtwistle's importance include Elgar Howarth (excellent) and Pierre Boulez (disappointingly dispensable), but the most important voice is, of course, that of the music itself, and most impressively that of *The Mask of Orpheus*, of which large chunks are used in, once more, an adaptation of David Freeman's stage production. So stimulating are these excerpts, indeed, that this informative and unpretentious programme poses a new challenge to originators: that of creating a full-scale production of Birtwistle's largest work in the medium for which it would seem to be so ideally suited.

Paul Griffiths

Sainsbury to the rescue?

As Covent Garden's cash crisis deepens, Sir John Sainsbury takes on the role of chairman. Can he do the impossible? **Bryan Appleyard reports**

The wonder is that Sir John Sainsbury *wants* to be chairman of the Royal Opera House. Or, indeed, that Jeremy Isaacs wants to be its managing director. For with this week's announcement of the Arts Council's subsidies to the ROH for the next three years, both jobs have become almost impossible.

Yet both jobs were in demand. Sir Denis Forman was originally offered the chairmanship, and a whole range of candidates were in the running along with Isaacs, including Melvyn Bragg, Henry Wrong, Peter Jonas, Humphrey Burton, John Drummond and Brian McMaster.

They may all come to think they had a narrow escape. For the grim arithmetic with which the Sainsbury-Isaacs axis will have to deal is as follows: subsidy is up 1 per cent to £13.2 million for 1987-88, and 2 per cent for the following two years. That puts them cumulatively at least 8 per cent behind inflation. Already the company is in deficit to the tune of £1.4 million and it has to prepare for a long closure period when its new building development starts — supposedly within three years. For that development the ROH has to find £20 million of the £55 million cost.

Add to that the fact that both the Royal Opera company and the Royal Ballet have only just begun — slowly — to pick themselves up from an artistically disastrous 1986 and the sheer scale of the task in hand becomes apparent.

The problem is knowing where to start. Covent Garden is the costliest jewel in the Arts Council's crown, taking about 10 per cent of its total budget. And the present Arts Council regime has never really swallowed the pro-opera argument — Sir William Rees-Mogg, the chairman, muttered for some time about its crippling cost. But nobody at the ROH had realized how bad this week's cash announcement was going to be, and it effectively means that Sainsbury has only one item on his agenda — money.

The ROH receives only half as much as equivalent European houses, and even that is paid grudgingly. Down the road the English National Opera with its policy of local singers and English language performances has won friends by sloughing off the stuffier aspects of the opera image, but the ROH has committed itself to being an international opera house. It is a role it cannot lightly abandon without making itself look redundant next to ENO.

Meanwhile it has the additional problem of producing ballet in the same building. Historically the ROH has been an opera house first and a ballet theatre second. Ballet took about one third of the total subsidy but Sir John Tooley, the previous director, said this had been rising. This year the Arts Council did split *the two sums. Neither they* nor the ROH has shown any desire to reveal the ratio — which is, however, an even 50-50.

But the worry for the opera staff is that Sainsbury is a ballet man. He has been a governor of the Royal Ballet School and it is clearly the art he favours. Isaacs's preferences are uncertain, as he remains a relative newcomer to the Covent Garden scene. With the Royal Ballet now showing slight recuperation from a very sickly 1986 under its new director, Anthony Dowell, the dancers can at least look forward to competing with the singers on equal terms.

The key question for everybody, however, remains: has Sainsbury got something up his sleeve? Off the record he is said to have made it clear that his family's millions are definitely not on the table. At this point there are immense revenue problems and there has been no indication of how the development money is to be raised. External fund-raising activity has been at a low ebb so clearly the first move is to put out some really professional begging bowls.

The problem here is that, in this country, arts sponsorship remains relatively unsophisticated. Conventional productions of opera and ballet are what the backers like, yet opera and especially ballet at the ROH desperately need innovation and fresh thinking to keep themselves artistically in the world class.

The best answer would be an artistically-directed trust. The best of these is the Getty Foundation, whose millions are simply waiting for the right aesthetic niche. But there are others. All agree that Sainsbury is no fool. The very fact that he has taken the job could be an indication that he has either a deal or an idea of how to get one. For the sake of the ROH, this had better be sound speculation rather than wishful thinking.

Future keeper of our costliest arts jewel: Sir John Sainsbury

Heavy shadows

Lloyd/Constable
Wigmore Hall

This was a fully-staged *Winterreise*. Robert Lloyd may not have had costume and sets to hand, but everything else was there: the mopping of the brow, the wringing of the hands, the copious consumption of water, the sucking in of breath through the teeth.

Like an opera director who has done his homework and decided, shamelessly and without compromise, that the work is the man and the man is the life, Lloyd pursued his psycho-neurological examination of Schubert's last dark days with punishing thoroughness.

Everything was brought to bear. The hands twitched convulsively through the frantic snow-search of "Erstarrung", and the voice took on the glare of deranged determination as the journey neared its end.

There were many startling images which I shall long remember. There was the corridor of darkness resonating in Lloyd's deepest bass register at the heart of "Der Lindenbaum"; there was the speed and force, rare at this pitch, of the bruising "Rückblick". And there was the point of no return, when Lloyd drew himself up like Heathcliffe, stared rejection in the face, and pressed onward with his "treuer Wanderstab".

John Constable, at the piano, had comparatively little to do, and did it with comparative boredness. That was half the trouble. For however consistently compelling, however skilfully realized this melodramatization, the heavy shadow passed by its own protagonist inevitably obliterated much of the music's own most telling detail.

Every triplet, every ornament, even every rest, has a psychological bite far keener than the acting out of any preconceived role. Most became blurred in Lloyd's eagerness to declaim; and there was, perhaps, no need for every image of weariness to be so literally reflected in loss of pitch.

Hilary Finch

OPERA

The Maid of Orleans
Logan Hall

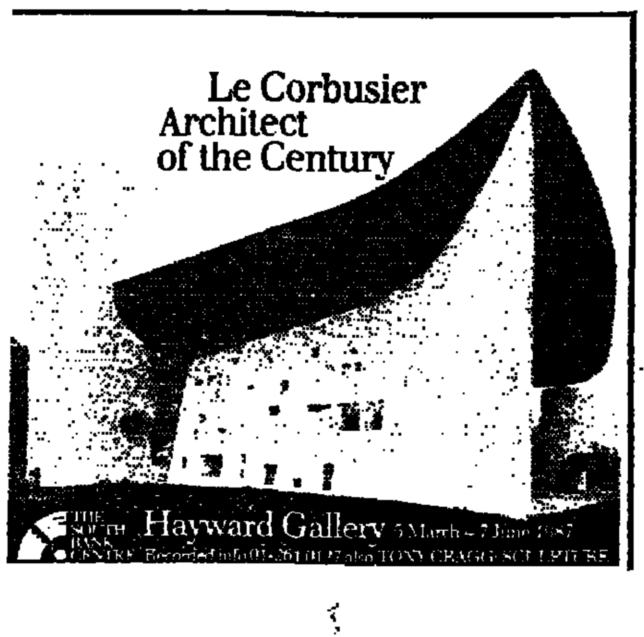
Unless something remarkable was contained in the bits that were cut, this concert performance by the Chelsea Opera Group of Tchaikovsky's rarely staged *The Maid of Orleans* showed that posterity seems to have judged the work pretty fairly. It is, to put it mildly, a patchy opera. The characters lack real depth, and the drama seems awkwardly balanced. Why, for instance, does Lionel of Burgandy, whose reciprocated love for Joan contributes to her death in Tchaikovsky's version — based on Schiller's version — of the story, make his appearance only at the beginning of Act III? It is as if the composer were uncertain whether he was writing a historical opera tinged with romance or a romantic opera loosely based upon history.

But the opera does contain plenty of good crowd scenes, into which chorus and orchestra were able to sink their teeth deep, relishing Tchaikovsky's taste for garish grandeur in celebration and in battle alike. There are also some effective individual numbers, for example when Joan admits her love for Lionel, and Tchaikovsky valienty attempts to mould the whole, Wagner-like, into a continuous fluctuating stream. But it is sometimes all too clear that he wrote the work at white heat, spurred on by one dare not surmise what *motivation, during the period* of recovery following his breakdown.

This performance, which revived Rolan Matthews's text originally made for the work's first production in this country, by University College opera in 1978, was rightly dominated by the singing of Sally Burgess as Joan. The part is massive and mercilessly demanding, requiring heroics in each and every act, but Burgess showed a strength and beauty of sound which, although unable to turn Joan into a credible human being, certainly realized everything that the role contains.

The fine supporting cast included Paul Harrhy, powerful as Raymond, the large voiced Richard Angas as Thibaut, an ardent Lionel in Neil Howlett, and a suitably distracted John Treleaven as Charles VII. Paul Daniel conducted, eliciting invigorating enthusiasm and some fine sound from his amateur players and singers, supplemented on this occasion by the Wokingham Choral Society.

Stephen Pettitt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BRIDGE

Dashing past the defence

The Woolwich Spring Foursomes, a double knock-out competition, has always been one of the most popular and important events in the bridge calendar. Staged in two centres — one in the North and one in the South — the foursomes are usually oversubscribed many months in advance. The format almost always ensures that the trophy goes to a good team. This year was no exception, although in both Leeds and Eastbourne the eventual winners had to resist the sternest challenge.

In Leeds, the favourites G.T. Kirby (captain), J. Armstrong, R.S. Brock, A.R. Forrester, Mrs S. Landy and Mrs S. Horton beat M. Horton (captain), R.J. Winter, S. Wood and P.J. Hawkes by the narrow margin of 87 IMPs to 84. In the South, R.J. Rowlands (captain), D. Carlisle, N. Selway and R. Sampson defeated P. Czerniewski (captain), B. Rigal, R. Fleet and J. Pottage by 100 IMPs to 88. The play-off will take place later in the year, probably in London.

If I had to award a prize for the best-played hand it would undoubtedly go to this sparkling effort from one of the early rounds. The declarer was Howard Cohen, universally recognized as both a skilful and sporting torero at the St James's Bridge Club.

Spring Foursomes. Game II. Dealer West

♠ J 7 6 5
♡ Q J 9
◇ A 8 7 6
♣ 8 2

♠ Q 10 3 2
♡ 10 8 7
◇ 4 2
♣ A 9 6 5

N
W E
S

♠ A K
♡ 3 2
◇ K Q J 10 5 3
♣ J 7 4

♠ 9 8 4
♡ A K 6 5 4
◇ 9
♣ K Q 10 3

W	N	E	S
			Cohen
No	No	3◇	3♡
No	4♡	No	No
No	-	-	-

Opening lead ◇4

East's "heavy" three diamond opening has pushed North-South out of their depth. Cohen won the diamond with the ◇A and played a club to his ♣K and West's ♣A. He ruffed the diamond continuation and tried the ♠9, which fetched East's ♠K.

When East continued with a high diamond, Cohen was obliged to ruff high. Cohen persisted with the ♠8 and East plugged on with another diamond, which again Cohen had to ruff high.

He had lost three tricks, and had to make the remainder from this six-card ending.

♠ J 7
♡ Q J 9
◇ -
♣ 2

♠ Q
♡ 10 8 7
◇ -
♣ 9 6

N
W E
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♠ -
♡ 3 2
◇ 10 5
♣ J 7

♠ 4
♡ 6 5
◇ -
♣ Q 10 3

Curiously, East's last diamond has already subjected West to pressure that he could only have postponed by underruffing.

As it was, Cohen finessed the ♡9, drew two more rounds of trumps, and made the last three tricks with the help of the club finesse.

The defence missed several chances, but Howard Cohen's dashing play still deserved a resounding "Olé!"

Jeremy Flint

CHESS

Bitter defeat

The fifth game of the Speed Chess Challenge was a tragedy for Nigel Short, who had to win in order to stave off overall match defeat. But first, he missed an opportunity to win, and then the chance of a draw.

The final game will be shown on Channel 4 at 30pm tonight. It is no secret that Short won, so do not miss him outwitting the world champion.

White: Gary Kasparov; Black: Nigel Short

Game Five, Old Indian Defence, Docklands Trophy

Nf3 d6 2 d4 Bg4
e4 Nf6 4 Nc3 e6
Be2 Be7 6 0-0 0-0
Be3 Nbd7 8 Nd2 Bxe2
Qxe2 c5 10 dxc5 Nxc5
Bxc5 dxc5 12 Nc4 Qc7
a4 Rad8 14 e5 Nd5
Ne4 Nb6 16 Ncd6?

This is definitely wrong. White can still maintain a slight edge by means of 16 xb6 Qxb6 17 c3.

— f5 17 Nc3 a6
a5 Nd5 19 Ne4 Nf4
Qf3 Rd4 21 b3 Ng6
Rfe1 Rf4 23 Qe3 Qc6
f3 Bg5 25 Qe2 Rd4
g3 Rfd8 27 Rad1 Be7
Qg2 f4 29 Qe2 b5
Rxd4 Rxd4 31 Ng4 fxg3
hxg3 h4 33 c3 Rd5
f4 hxg3 35 Qg4 Nh4
Nf6+ Bxf6 37 exf6

(see diagram)

The only correct move in this critical situation, and one which Gary demonstrated to his stunned opponent after the game, is 37 ... g5!! There are now some fascinating variations:

1) 38 Rxe6? Rd1+! 39 Qxd1 Qg2 checkmate

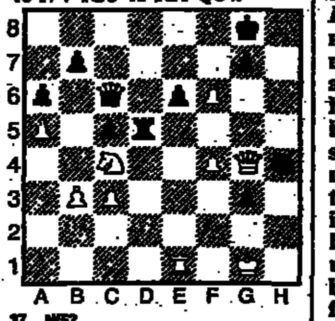
2) 38 Qxe6+ Qxe6 39 Rxe6 Rd1+ wins for Black

3) 38 Ne5? Rxe5! followed by ... Qg2 mate

4) 38 fxg5 Rd2! with terrible threats

5) 38 Ne3 ... Re5!! 39 fxe5 Nf3+ 40 Kg2 Nxe5 discovered check 41 Kxg3 Nxg4 42 Nxg4 Qc7+ and Black has excellent chance to win

6) 38 Qxg3 Rf5 39 Ne5 Qd5 40 f7+ Kf8 41 Rf1 Qe4.



37 ... Nf5?

Missing his chance to win.

38 Ne5 Qd6 39 Qh5 Rxe5
40 Rxe5 Qd2 41 Qe2 Qxc3
42 Rxe6 Qe1+??

The losing blunder. Nigel had to play 42 ... Qd4+ with at least a draw.

43 Kg2 gxf6 44 Qg4+ Ng7
45 Re2 Qd4 46 Kxg3 Qd3+
47 Kg2 Qxb3 48 Qf3 Qf7
49 Qe4 c4 50 Rc2 Kf8
51 Rxc4 Ne8 52 Rc8

And Black lost on time.

Raymond Keene

CONCISE CROSSWORD NO 1218

rizes of the New Collins Thesaurus will be given for the first two orrect solutions opened on Thursday, April 2. Entries should be ddressed to The Times Concise Crossword Competition, 1 ennington Street, London, E1 9XN. The winners and solution will e announced on Saturday, April 4.

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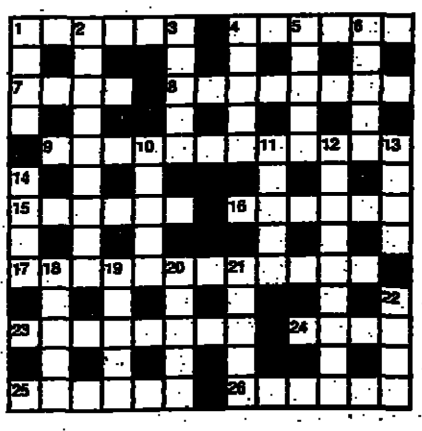
1 Fresh, new (6)
Octave (6)
7 People (4)
3 Newspaper production (8)
9 High-class cooking (5,7)
5 Bird enclosure (6)
5 Document copier (6)
7 Young children's school (12)
3 Thoroughgoing (8)
4 German composer family (4)
5 Go up (6)
6 Newspaper chief (6)

OWN
1 Split (4)
2 Light meal (9)
3 Pith helmet (5)
4 A Job's comforter (5)
5 Entrance monies (5)
6 Wood joint (5)
0 Curt (5)
1 Bring on oneself (5)
2 Wanderer (9)
3 Heavy foil (4)
4 Defensive player (4)
8 Last Libyan king (5)
9 Robinson Crusoe author (5)
0 Drinks shout (5)
1 Make confused (5)
2 Scorch (4)



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The winners of prize concise No 1212 are: Sheila Lockyer, 24 Stourwood Road, Southbourne, Bournemouth; and Seamus O'Kelly, 71 Laurel Drive, Strabane, County Tyrone.

OLUTION TO NO 1212 (Last Saturday's prize concise)

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REVIEW

Selling the master short

CLASSICAL RECORDS

Beethoven: Symphony no.3, Coriolan overture. VPO/Abbado. DG 419 597-2 (CD).
Beethoven: Symphony no.9. Soloists, Vienna State Opera Choir, VPO/Abbado. DG 419 598-2 (CD).
Beethoven: Symphonies nos.2 and 8. London Classical Players/Norrington. EMI CDC 7 47698 2 (CD).
Beethoven: The Creatures of Prometheus. Orpheus Chamber Orchestra. DG 419 608-2
Haydn: Symphonies nos.48 and 49. Orpheus Chamber Orchestra. DG 419 607-2
Haydn: Symphonies nos.102 and 104. ECO/Tate. EMI CDC 7 47462 2 (CD)

Missing the point: Claudio Abbado would have disappointed Beethoven with his conducting — and where is the audience?

With so many classic Beethoven recordings currently available — even on CD — newcomers need to justify themselves strongly. But sadly, the first two releases in Claudio Abbado's cycle do not give permanence to any very special moment.

Perhaps the most obvious reason for their existence would lie in the quality of the digital recording, and yet it is in precisely this area that the deficiencies announce themselves.

For though both the "Eroica" and the "Choral" are declared to have been recorded at concerts, the lack of audience noise and, most particularly, the echoing reverberation make this claim barely credible. One feels oneself to be listening to a rehearsal, or rather — since these are certainly well-drilled performances — to a concert that nobody bothered to attend.

That would, unfortunately, be only too plausible. Abbado's tempos are unexceptionable, but what is hard to take is the lack of momentum he generates within them: his failure to get a lift in the scherzo of the Ninth is perhaps the clearest evidence that something pretty important is being missed, and I think the fault lies in an excessive rhythmic regularity and in a view of every sforzando as a crushing downbeat.

On the positive side, there is some beautiful playing from the Vienna Philharmonic, especially in the slow movement of the Ninth, though the oboes and clarinets are acid in both symphonies. The choral sound in the Ninth is woolly, and the soloists are earthbound, especially Hermann Prey, whose interruption is chummy and rhythmically approximate. Altogether, a disappointing pair of records.

The Beethoven sound of the 1980s is much more likely to be remembered as that of Roger Norrington's London Classical Players. They play the Second and Eighth symphonies in "authentic" style, but of course the main point of the musicology is that it gives permission for playing of exciting verve, dominated by a string sound of glassiness and energy.

These players are also able to live up to Beethoven's metronome markings, which makes for some exhilaratingly dangerous corners in the outer movements of the Second Symphony. And though one may regret the loss of the mature, benevolent wit normally associated with the Eighth, this is an exciting release.

So too is the Orpheus Chamber Orchestra's recording of Beethoven's *Prometheus* ballet score, partly because it introduces one to some little-known and, in some cases, unlikely Beethoven, and partly because the performance has the friendliness of a group playing without a conductor, yet also a quite extraordinary unanimity and discipline.

The Orpheus Chamber Orchestra is also responsible for a fresh and invigorating recording of two opposed Haydn symphonies from around the composer's 40th year: the celebratory "Maria Theresa" and the inward "La passione". But much more pressing on one's attention are the immensely powerful performances of two late symphonies conducted by Jeffrey Tate.

Paul Griffiths

Flash, but no flesh

ROCK RECORDS

Grandmaster Flash: Ba-Dop-Boom-Bang (Elektra 960 723-1)
John Scofield: Blue Matter (Gramavision SNTF 985)
Herb Alpert: Keep Your Eye on Me (Breakout AMA 5125)

With the Beastie Boys resident at the top of the American charts, whither one of the Grandmaster fathers of rap, scratch and all things that became hip-hop? *Ba-Dop-Boom-Bang* finds Grandmaster Flash struggling to maintain the swaggering authority that characterized his 1982 hit "The Message" but, with the aid of a new six-strong crew of rappers, he is never short of a word or two on the issues of the day. These include advice on underarm hygiene, how to join the upwardly mobile "can do" brigade, and a "motoring flash", laden with playground sexual innuendo, entitled "Big Black Caddy". The beats are excellent, but the album lacks weight. Whatever happened to the true ruler of the roost, Grandmaster Melle Mel?

Blue Matter is John Scofield's ninth solo album, but he is still better-known for his guitar playing with stars like Billy Cobham and Miles Davis. He is associated with a rather discredited style of heavy jazz-rock fusion that emphasizes loud, flashy guitar passages, histrionic drumming and restless slap or fretless funk bass playing.

I love it, and in any case this instrumental album with its cool bluesy passages in "Heaven Hill" and Scofield's fluid melodic soloing in "Now She's Blonde" eschews bombastic cliché in favour of clipped restrained extemporizing by one of the finest players in the business. Gary Grainger (bass), Dennis Chambers (drums) and Hiram Bullock, (David Sanborn's guitarist) are among the èlite supporting cast.

Herb Alpert celebrates his 50th birthday on Tuesday, but with the aid of Jimmy Jam and Terry Lewis he has made *Keep Your Eye On Me*, a sprightly modern dance record more in tune with the Pepsi and Shirlie generation than it is with the embarrassingly twee Tijuana Brass era that launched his career 25 years ago. A huge programmed drum sound dominates the hard electrofunk rhythm tracks, while Alpert tootles sketchy melodies that hold their own in the brave new world of Steve "Silk" Hurley and Paul Hardcastle.

David Sinclair

Class will out

JAZZ RECORDS

Dee Dee Bridgewater Live in Paris (Affinity AFF 172)
Original Soundtrack She's Gotta Have It (Antilles AN 8713)

Aside from the impersonation of Billie Holiday that recently brought her to the London stage, Dee Dee Bridgewater is a singer of class and character. Recorded in a night-club setting last year, *Live in Paris* shows her to be well worth a place in the upper reaches of the second division.

Betty Carter's benign influence can be discerned in the subtle distortions and displacements that permeate her readings of "Misty" and "All Blues", although Miss Carter would frown at the frayed edges which become apparent as over-excitement takes its toll when the tempo accelerates for "On a Clear Day". The French rhythm section performs with fluent sensitivity.

She's Gotta Have It, Spike Lee's well-received comedy film, has a soundtrack by the writer/actor/director's father, veteran bassist Bill Lee. Yet despite his recruitment of a distinguished musical cast including the saxophonist Harold Vick and the pianist Stanley Cowell, the album will be a mild disappointment to all except those who simply require a souvenir of the movie.

What we learn, in the course of several versions of a ballad called "A Thought" and a skipping 6/8 line titled "Nola", is that Bill Lee has a real melodic gift. Even the most pernickety souvenir-collector would hardly have complained had these fine tunes been re-recorded in fuller versions.

Richard Williams

THE TIMES ARTS DIARY

The wrong muses?

Rumblings of discontent at the V & A about the way a new director is being chosen. Some curators and other museum staff claim that the subcommittee chosen to come up with a shortlist is itself short of an important qualification — knowing how to run a museum.

The committee consists of Sir Michael Butler, deputy chairman and a retired diplomat; Jean Muir, the dress designer; Ian Hay Davison, former chairman of Lloyds Insurance, David Mellor, the designer; and Sir Terence Conran.

V & A critics point to the curious absence of trustees like Christopher Frayling of the Royal College of Art, and others with "hands on" experience.

● **Devotees of El Greco will, after all, have to travel to the tiny Greek island of Syros to see his recently "discovered" icon of the Koimisis of the Virgin Mary. It was scheduled to be part of the Royal Academy's exhibition of icons and frescoes, *From Byzantium to El Greco*, opened this week by the Greek culture minister, Melina Mercouri. But the Royal Academy had reckoned without the fierce opposition of islanders who revere the icon as a sacred object. Too sacred to travel, certainly.**

Politics as art

Neil Kinnock, David Owen and Jeffrey Archer will sit in judgement on a murder next month at a charity gala performance of *The Mystery of Edwin Drood*. Half-way through the musical, loosely based on Charles Dickens's unfinished novel, the audience will vote on who is the murderer. The rest of the plot is determined by the result. Rather like politics, really.

Dickens and Kinnock

Open, shut

Glasnost is, it seems, a relative thing. The new Soviet "openness" is attracting some scepticism around Channel Four, where a strange form of retribution has been exacted for covert filming in the Soviet Union in the making of *No Exit*, Monday night's dialogue between Bernard Levin and members of Moscow's victimized Jewish "refuseniks". Recorded behind the KGB's back, and so controversial that the producer's name has had to be suppressed to forestall a Soviet backlash, the show has been consigned to a midnight hour, when few are likely to hear its message.

Bill Richmond

Art for woman's sake

PAPERBACKS

Monuments and Maidens: The Allegory of the Female Form by Marina Warner (Picador, £5.95)

It is difficult to believe that the man who did the interior decoration for the Hôtel de Ville in Paris lacked a sense of humour. In a series of wall paintings completed for the hotel at the turn of the century, half-naked nymphs advertise the benefits of the modern age — personifications of Photography, Electricity, Steam Power, and the like. Marina Warner's favourite, reproduced in this superb book, is *Le Téléphone*, in which a nymph attends to the oversize dials and receivers of a primitive apparatus, looking for all the world like an early receptionist.

Warner does not tell us about the man's sense of humour, but she is quick to point out how his paintings go back to Homer and Hesiod, drawing upon a long tradition of female personification and allegory. Her book explores what this tradition reveals about the ambivalence of woman's position in masculine society, art and psyche.

Women have been, by and large, voiceless and powerless; but men have chosen to represent them in statues and paintings as Liberty, Truth and Justice.

Warner finds a contradiction at the heart of all this. Woman is secondary, passive subject matter to be shaped and invested with meaning by men; but she is also primary, the origin of humanity, Mother Earth. Loaded with the usual misogyny, she is seen as dangerous and subversive, blamed for the woes of the world like Pandora and Eve; beautiful and mysterious as art itself.

What is remarkable about this book is the way it does the job of a powerful and moving feminist tract without the one-dimensional insistence of most tracts. Rather than stamp her way through history and art, Warner goes about in slippered feet, leading us round the public monuments of Paris, the Statue of Liberty, and a vast assortment of texts, paintings and myths. Alive to historical complexity, this is a cultural polemic which is also a work of benign scholarship.

It is also packed with a novelist's insights. Standing inside the Statue of Liberty, the author notices the way people have scrawled their names into the monument and goes on to reflect on how hard it is "to resist Liberty's invitation to be part of her, precisely because she is so unsuccessful as a work of art; clumsiness itself is democratic in a way a masterpiece cannot be."

Ms Warner's book challenges her own pronouncement. Its excellence is hard to resist, its fairness generously democratic.

James Wood

BOOKS IN BRIEF

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week:

FICTION

Abba Abba, by Anthony Burgess (Faber, £2.95) Dying Keats meets Belli in fiction and translation

Don Giovanni, translated by Amanda and Anthony Holden (André Deutsch, £5.95). The best opera in live English

The Bus of Dreams, by Mary Morris (Abacus, £3.50) Clever, sharp, poignant American short stories

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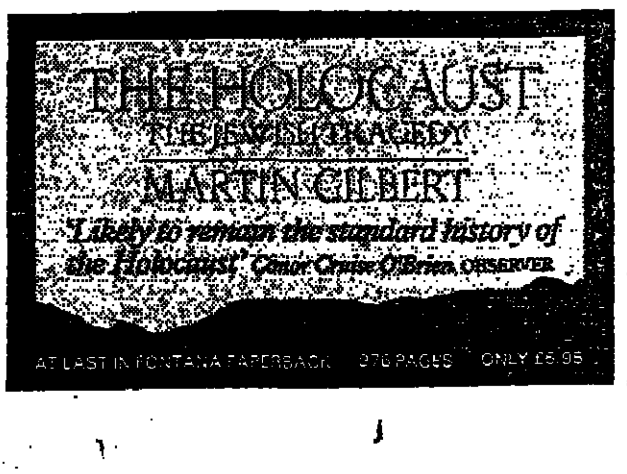

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THE WEEK AHEAD

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AFRICAN TALE: Doris Lessing's new novel, *A Sport of Nature*, is a moving, angry and compendious study of apartheid and the white ascendancy. Hillela is a problem adolescent, adventuress, and survivor. Abandoned by her mother, she is brought up first by a white supremacy aunt in the lap of luxury, then by a liberal aunt who introduces her to politics and the pain of South Africa. It is a topical and powerful book about life in general as well as African politics (Cape, £10.95, published on April 2).

DANCE

EASTERN QUIRKS: The Batsheva Dance Company of Israel was last seen in London nine years ago and returns for a week at Sadler's Wells with an entirely new repertory, all by American choreographers. Among them are Mark Morris and Daniel Ezralow, favourites of the avant garde for their quirky and individual invention. The music ranges from Bach to electronics via Indonesian sounds. Sadler's Wells Theatre, Rosebery Avenue, London EC1 (01-278 8916) Tues, Wed, Thurs, then April 4, 5 plus matinée Sun April 5.

FILMS

SERVICE INDUSTRY: Julie Walters stars as the London madam who turns her house over for the fulfilment of other people's fantasies in *Personal Services*, Terry Jones's outrageous comedy (with an 18 certificate) inspired by the life of Cynthia Payne. Alec McCowen is the Wing-Commander in residence. Few films can have had more unpaid publicity – not for the easily offended. Plaza (01-437 1234), Screen on the Green (01-226 3520), Cannon Shaftesbury Avenue (01-836 6279), from Fri.

OPERA

COLD WAR: Aulis Sallinen's long-awaited *The King Goes Forth To France* comes to the Royal Opera House and gives Britain its first chance to see the Finnish composer. The original Savonlinna production emphasized the surreal and the fantastic in this bizarre tragi-comedy of power struggles in a mythic new Ice Age. Nicholas Hytner's new production, designed by Bob Crowley, has a strong cast and is conducted by Okku Kamu. Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066), opening on Wed at 7.30pm.

GALLERIES

GLASGOW RANGER: Steven Campbell has recently returned to Britain after three successful and profitable years in America as a new discovery in painting. After seven years as a steelworks fitter, he went to Glasgow Art School, then headed straight for New York. Now 33, he is exhibiting 30 large narrative and allegorical pictures in his first London show since his new stardom. Marlborough Fine Art, 6 Albemarle Street, London W1 (01-629 5161) Mon-Fri 10-5.30pm, Sat 10-12.30pm, free, until April 25. From Wednesday.

CONCERTS

SONG CYCLE: Brigitte Fassbaender, the distinguished Berlin-born mezzo soprano who made her Covent Garden debut in 1971 as Octavian in Richard Strauss's *Rosenkavalier*, is equally successful as a concert singer. In her first concert she sings ten *Lieder* by Brahms and Schoenberg's rarely-performed *Buch der hängenden Gärten* Op.15, one of the great 20th-century song cycles. Her second concert includes works by Schubert and Hugo Wolf. Wigmore Hall (01-935 2141), Tues and Fri, 7.30pm.

THEATRE

OPENINGS

COMEDY WITHOUT TITLE/OBSCENE FABLES: Two shows (in tandem, not a double bill) presented by the Yorick Theatre Company as seen at the Edinburgh Festival. Lorca's *Comedy Without Title* is a London premiere; Dario Fo worked with the company on his *Obscene Fables*.
Young Vic Studio (01-928 6363). Both shows open Tues.

MAINLAND/RONNIE'S DOING WELL: Premiere of two plays, commissioned to close the *Siamsa Cois Uisce* festival of Irish culture and to tour Ulster and the Republic of Ireland. *Mainland* by Daniel Magee features a couple recently moved to London from Belfast; *Ronnie's Doing Well* by Michael McKnight looks at a press agent who becomes a propaganda supremo. Directed by Adrian Dunbar.
Watermans Arts Centre, 40 High Street, Brentford, Middx (01-568 1176). Opens Tues.

THE RESISTIBLE RISE OF ARTURO UI: Griff Rhys Jones, directed by David Gilmore, in Brecht's political parody. With Hugh Paddick, Brian Glover, Linal Haft.
Queens (01-439 3849/4031). Previews from Tues. Opens Apr 6.

SPIN OF THE WHEEL: Transferred directly from its premiere at the Palace, Watford, this musical by Geoff Morrow and Timothy Prager is based on a television game show. Neil McCaul, Maria Friedman and Teddy Kempner, directed by Prager.
Comedy (01-930 2578). Previews from Thurs. Opens Apr 7.

SELECTED

THE AMEN CORNER: James Baldwin's powerful drama of a Harlem preacher facing revolt in congregation and family.
Lyric (01-437 3686).

APPLAUSE: Exciting musical based on the film *All About Eve*, with Josephine Blake in the Bette Davis role.
Forum Theatre, Wythenshawe, Manchester (061 437 9663).

OUT OF TOWN

BRISTOL: John Bull: First production in modern times for a great success of the early 1800s, a comedy by George Colman the Younger. Roger Rees directs Niall Buggy, Joseph O'Conor, David Rintoul, Vivien Heilbron, Georgina Melville, Julia Watson.
Old Vic, Theatre Royal (0272 24388). Previews Wed and Thurs. Opens Fri.

LEICESTER: My Sister In This House: British premiere of Wendy Kesselman's US play based on a famous French crime of the 1930s, inspiration for Genet's *The Maids*. Co-production with Monstrous Regiment, directed by Nancy Meckler.
Haymarket Studio (0533 539797). Opens Wed.

NORTHAMPTON: Seesaw: British professional premiere for a Broadway success, a musical by Michael Bennett, Dorothy Field and Cy Coleman. With Helen Shapiro. Songs include "Nobody Does It like Me" and "It's Not Where You Start, It's Where You Finish".
Royal (0604 24811/32533). Opens Fri.

SHEFFIELD: Pawnbroker Hocks the Moon: Local company Metro Theatre present a new, locally-set play by Howard Russell, about life in the town in 1936.
Crucible Studio (0742 769922). Opens Tues. Until Apr 4.

DANCE

SWAN LAKE: This week's performances of the controversial new production starring Bryony Brind this afternoon, Fiona Chadwick tonight, Cynthia Harvey Monday and Deirdre Eyden Thursday.
Covent Garden (01-240 1066).

ASTRAKAN: Daniel Larrieu's company from France completes the new dance season at The Place tonight with solos and duets, then performs a special ballet *Waterproof* in the water in the large swimming baths at Swiss Cottage.
The Place, Dukes Road, London WC1 (01-387 0031), tonight. Swiss Cottage Swimming Pool (booking at Shaw Theatre, London NW1, 01-388 1394), Thurs, Fri.

ON TOUR: Ballet Rambert is at Birmingham Rep (021 236 4455), today and the Haymarket, Leicester (0533 539797), Mon-April 4. Northern Ballet's *Swan Lake* is at the Futurist, Scarborough (0725 365789), Tues-April 4. London Contemporary Dance Theatre is at Theatre Royal, Glasgow (041 331 1234), today and His Majesty's, Aberdeen (0224 641122), Tues-April 4.

CONCERTS

CLEVELAND/KIRSHBAUM: The Cleveland Quartet plays Beethoven's Quartet, Opus 127 and Ralph Kirshbaum (cello) joins them for Schubert's Quintet D 956.
Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore St, London W1 (01-935 2141). Today, 7.30pm.

HANDEL'S JUDAS: Handel's Judas Maccabaeus is performed by the London Oriana Choir, English Baroque Orchestra and soloists under Leon Lovett.
St John's, Smith Sq, London SW1 (01-222 1061). Tomorrow, 7pm.

GRANDE BERLIOZ: Richard Hickox conducts the London Symphony Chorus, RPO and Philip Langridge (tenor) in Berlioz's *Grande Messe des Morts*.
Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, credit cards 01-928 8800). Tomorrow, 7.30pm.

KAMU/KENNEDY: Okko Kamu conducts the LPO in Sibelius's *En Saga*, Nielsen's Symphony No 6, and Nigel Kennedy solos in Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto. Festival Hall. Tues, 7.30pm.

BRIGITTE FASSBAENDER: The distinguished mezzo soprano sings ten Lieder by Brahms and Schoenberg's rarely-performed Buch der hängenden Gärten Op. 15. Wigmore Hall. Tues, 7.30pm.

ALL MOZART: Oliver Gilmour conducts the ECO in Mozart's *Nozze di Figaro* Overture, Piano Concerto K467 (Anthony Goldstone, soloist), *Eine kleine Nachtmusik* and Symphony No.41 "Jupiter".
Barbican Centre, Silk St, London EC2 (01-628 8795, cc 01-638 8891). Tues, 7.45pm.

JAZZ

ELVIN JONES: At once thunderously powerful and balletically delicate, Jones's drumming is the focal point of his Jazz Machine.
Tonight and Mon to Sat April 4, Ronnie Scott's Club, 47 Frith Street, London W1 (01-439 0747).

LARRY ADLER & ALAN CLARE: Virtuoso harmonica and piano collaborate in a benefit for MENCAP.
Tomorrow, Pizza Express, 10 Dean Street, London W1 (01-439 8722)

HUMAN CHAIN: High jinks from the duo of Django Bates (keyboards, tenor horn) and Steve Arguelles (percussion).
Tues, Wilde Theatre, South Hill Park Arts Centre, Bracknell (0344 484123)

GENE CALDERAZZO: New York drummer leads a band including several bright youngh Brits.
Wed, Bass Clef, 35 Coronet Street, London N1 (01-729 2476)

ACKER BILK: New Orleans-style jazz from the Paramount Jazz Band.
Wed, 100 Club, 100 Oxford Street, London W1 (01-636 0933)

MIKE CARR: The hard-swinging organist is joined by Jim Mullen's eloquent guitar and the drums of Spike Wells.
Fri, St George's Theatre Bar, Tufnell Park Road, London N7 (01-607 1128).

PHOTOGRAPHY

GERMAN PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE EIGHTIES: The experimental plays the major role in this exhibition, thus continuing the tradition of the thirties when Germany was at the forefront of photographic innovation. Techniques include photogram, solarization and photomontage.
The Ffotogallery, 31 Charles St, Cardiff (0222 41667). Open April 3 until May 2.

TELEVISION

● **Edward Fox recreates his stage role in Simon Gray's elegantly-written play *Quartermaine's Terms* for the Screen Two slot. The claustrophobic setting is the staff room of a slightly down-at-heel school in the 1960s. Fox plays St John Quartermaine, a charmingly vague and ineffectual teacher, seemingly oblivious to the outside world and his colleagues' emotional turmoil. John Gielgud weighs in as the acute principal hiding under a fussy exterior. BBC 2, Sun, 10.10pm-12.05am.**

WATCHING YOU WATCHING US: Programme-makers train their cameras on a sample of viewers only to discover they are not paying attention. Instead, comments like: "The television is like an aged relative in the corner of the room" and "it's comforting to have the noise on in the background" abound.
ITV, Mon, 7-7.30pm.

THE FALKLANDS WAR – THE UNTOLD STORY: Five years on, the First Tuesday team unravels the human cost of the conflict with Argentina. There is also unscreened amateur and foreign film of the fighting, first-hand descriptions of aerial dog fights, new evidence on the death of Colonel "H" Jones at Goose Green and an interview with the short-lived military governor of the Malvinas, General Menendez.
ITV, Wed, 8-10pm.

QED: MURDER ON THE BLUEBELL LINE: Sherlock Holmes and Dr Watson add their criminological expertise to the investigation into the origins of a skull, jaw, bones and teeth in a Sussex gravel pit. How did "Piltdown Man" spend his last hours?
BBC1, Wed, 9.40-10.15pm.

PLANTS FOR FREE: Gardening for next to nothing, with tips on basic propagation from the Royal Horticultural Society's garden at Wisley and the Royal Botanic Garden at Kew.
Channel 4, Fri, 9.30-10pm.

ROCK

THE SECRET POLICEMAN'S THIRD BALL: Another action-packed gala in this occasional series to raise money on behalf of Amnesty International, featuring: Tonight and tomorrow, Peter Gabriel, Courtney Pine, Lou Reed, Jackson Browne, Bob Geldof, Mark Knopfler and Chet Atkins, Joan Armatrading, Kate Bush, World Party and many others. Tonight only, Erasure, tomorrow only, Duran Duran.
London Palladium, W1 (01-437 7373).

LEVEL 42: The thumb that inspired a legion of *Melody Maker* small ads for slap-funk bassists takes up residence for the British leg of a world tour.
Tonight, tomorrow, Mon & Tue, Wembley Arena, Middlesex (01-902 1234); Thurs, Fri & Sat 4, Manchester Apollo (061-273 3775).

INTERNATIONAL AIDS WEEK: Among the many events scheduled are: Wed, George Michael, Holly Johnson, Womack & Womack, Bob Geldof, The Communards and Aswad at Wembley Arena, Middlesex (01-902 1234); Thurs, The Communards, The Waterboys, Love And Money, Billy Mackenzie and Paul Haig at Usher Hall, Edinburgh (031-228 1164); Fri, Hurrah!, The Daintees and Brendan Croker & The Five O'Clock Shadow at Town & Country, London NW5 (01-267 3334); Fri, Marc Almond at Royalty Theatre, London WC2 (01-831 0660).

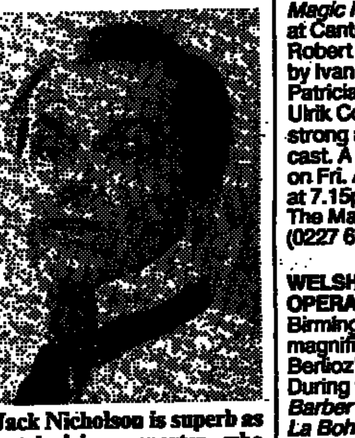
FILMS ON TV

CIRCLE OF DECEIT (1981): The moral and political dilemma of a journalist covering Beirut. A splendidly acted film of depth and intelligence, directed by Volker Schlondorff.
Channel 4, today, 11.15pm to 1.15am.

THE MOON AND SIXPENCE (1942): George Sanders in his best role as the Gauguin figure in strong adaptation of W. Somerset Maugham's novel.
Channel 4, today, 1.20-3pm.

QUARTET (1981): Gloomily detailed atmospheric evocation of 1920s Paris. Jean Rhys's novel excellently interpreted by Maggie Smith and Alan Bates. In a typically high-standard Ivory-Merchant production.
BBC2, Tues, 9-10.40pm.

I'LL SEE YOU IN MY DREAMS (1951): Lots of good tunes and Doris Day in pleasant biography of lyricist Gus Kahn.
Channel 4, Thurs, 2.30-4.30pm).



● **Jack Nicholson is superb as the television reporter who assumes a dead man's identity in *The Passenger* (BBC2, today, 10.40pm-12.50am). Michelangelo Antonioni's occasionally impenetrable Italian style of film-making was the rage of the early 1960s, but he went out of fashion and not until this 1975 film did he return to form and critical acclaim. Visually stunning and disturbing.**

FULL MOON IN PARIS (1984): First television showing for director Eric Rohmer's very French look at the loves and silly wiles of a fickle Parisienne, the late Pascale Ogier.
Channel 4, Wed, 10-11.55pm.

OPERA

ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA: *Simon Boccanegra* is the latest Verdi to find renewed favour: David Alden unwraps his new production at 7.30pm on Thurs, with Jonathan Summers, Janice Cairns and Arthur Davies.
Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3161).

OPERA NORTH: Their summer season opens on Thurs with a new production by Graham Vick of Mozart's *The Abduction from the Seraglio* (also on Sat, April 4).
Grand Theatre, New Briggate, Leeds (0532 459351).

KENT OPERA: Their new *Magic Flute* is unveiled on Wed at Canterbury: directed by Robert Knights and conducted by Ivan Fischer, it has Patricia Rozario's Pamina and Ulrik Cold's Sarastro as strong attractions in its young cast. A further performance on Fri. All performances start at 7.15pm.
The Marlowe, Canterbury (0227 67246).

WELSH NATIONAL OPERA: Tonight in Birmingham, their magnificent staging of Berlioz's complete *Trojans*. During the week at Oxford with *Barber of Seville* on Tues, *La Boheme* on Wed and Fri, and *Un ballo in maschera* on Thurs. All performances start at 7.15pm.
Hippodrome, Birmingham (021 622 7486); Appollo Theatre, Oxford (0865 244544).

NEW SADLER'S WELLS OPERA: Continue their nationwide tour of *Ruddigore* with performances of Ian Judge's witty and elegant production of the G&S mock-melodrama on Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri at 7.30pm, and a matinée on Sat, April 4 at 2.30pm.
Theatre Royal, Norwich (0603 6281205).

Two for town: *The Fair Maid of the West* (left) heads for the Mermaid; Jonathan Pryce's *Macbeth* is at the Barbican

Much ado about something

The Royal Shakespeare Company makes its seasonal London entrance next week like a galleon with all guns blazing. This year, it has a hat-trick of firsts.

The company has a third London auditorium directly under its control for the first time, thanks to American husband-and-wife impresarios Frank and Woji Gero. They and Playhouse Productions are underwriting all the RSC's transfers from its Elizabethan-style Swan theatre, now coming up to its first birthday, to the Mermaid, while the other plays transfer, as usual, from Stratford's main house into the Barbican and from The Other Place studio into The Pit.

It's also a first for the sheer volume of plays being offered. Never before has the RSC had so many first nights in such a brief space of time – 15 in seven weeks altogether, nine of them in London. Finally, although he's loath to step up and take a bow, it's a first for Terry Hands, who recently took over artistic directorship from Trevor Nunn, because this will be the first London season for which he is officially at the RSC's helm.

The first London first night is *Country Dancing*, Nigel Williams's slice of folk history with songs, which kicks off at The Pit on Monday after previews since Wednesday. Then Adrian Noble's production of *Macbeth*, starring Jonathan Pryce and Sinead Cusack, opens at the Barbican on Wednesday. The following night, Thomas Heywood's picaresque tale of a battling barmaid-turned-pirate captain, *The Fair Maid Of The West*, directed by Trevor Nunn, opens at the Mermaid.

Apart from all that, says 46-year-old Hands, it's "business as usual", but on a bigger scale. "We still have *Les Misèrables* and *Les Liaisons Dangèreuses* in the West End, so we shall be occupying five London theatres – only two of which we're actually paying for: the Barbican and The Pit. We will probably get into trouble with someone for it, but it's not bad economics, is it?"

Hands had been looking for some time for a sixth auditorium in which to air the Swan work and decided to clinch the Gero deal "because Frank had handled RSC transfers to the West End, because he wanted to underwrite us, and because he's a friend and a man we knew and trusted. I think he's crazy."

Hands says he's handled "an awful lot" of London seasons before but concedes that this is his first solo turn. "This is the first time I'm not sharing – we took it in turns to open Stratford and London – and the company is now working on a different system. But we're still the same people, a company that has operated as a family for over 20 years, and that is how it's going to go on."

The "second wave" will be Jonson's *Every Man In His Humour* (April 13, Mermaid), *Romeo and Juliet* (April 14, Barbican) and a new play about Chernobyl, *Sarcophagus*, by Vladimir Gubaryev (April 16, The Pit). Then, in May, come *Richard II* (May 5), *Worlds Apart* (May 7) and *Two Noble Kinsmen* (May 26).

It wasn't railway timetable logic alone that decided the order of the London openings. "I very much wanted to open the Mermaid with a production by Trevor Nunn," Hands says. "We've been together for years and I think both he and his work are the greatest success stories in British theatre since the war. I suppose it's a gesture of sentiment!"

Angela Wilkes

RADIO

● **Alan Howard makes a rare radio appearance to head the cast of *Helbeck of Bannisdale*, tonight's Saturday Night Theatre production, Radio 4, 7-8.30pm. Mrs Humphry Ward's novel of 1898 is an unusual choice, but a strong tragic story of love thwarted by religious differences. The talented Michelene Wandor has adapted this work for radio, and the other star is Tessa Peake-Jones.**

UNNATURAL ACTS: First of an "alternative" sitcom series, with husband and wife team Kit Hollerbach and Jeremy Hardy playing (believe it or not) Kit and Joan, and Paul B. Davies and Caroline Leddy their neighbours.
Radio 4, tonight, 11.30-12pm.

PING PONG: Arthur Adamov's play is the first of five specimens of the "Theatre of the Absurd" to be broadcast over the coming weeks. It will be interesting to see how any of these have lasted.
Radio 3, Tues, 8.30-9.35pm.

THE RADIO PROGRAMME: Laurie Taylor introduces a new series of the programme about radio. "Guest listener" will be Terry Wogan, and Sally Hardcastle will be looking back over 40 years of *Gardeners' Question Time*.
Radio 4, Thursday, 9.30-10am.

FILMS

OPENINGS

HAUNTED HONEYMOON (PG): Gene Wilder's mild parody of the haunted house genre, with Wilder and Gilda Radner as the lovebirds under attack in a large country mansion, and Dom DeLuise in drag throughout as "Aunt Kate". Filmed in London.
Leicester Square Theatre (01-930 5252), from Fri.

OVER THE TOP (PG): The perfect title for a drama featuring Sylvester Stallone as an arm-wrestling truck driver who tries to get to know his neglected son during a cross-continental ride. Reliable hokum, directed by Menahem Golan, with Robert Loggia and Susan Blakely.
Warner West End (01-439 0791), Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527), from Fri.

THE NAPLES CONNECTION (18): Complicated thriller with fantasy elements from the Italian director Lina Wertmüller, an art house favourite in America. Angelina Molina gives a strong performance as the Naples woman whose small son is involved in the drugs trade.
Cannon Premiere (01-439 4470), Cannon Baker Street (01-935 9772), from Fri.

SELECTED

84 CHARING CROSS ROAD (U): Tasteful screen version of the transatlantic romance between Helene Hanff, book-crazed New Yorker, and a retiring antiquarian bookseller. With Anne Bancroft and Anthony Hopkins; directed by David Jones.
Curzon Mayfair (01-499 3737).

THE FIRST NEW WAVE: The second part of the NFT's magnificent French season, packed with rarities and treasures from the twenties, begins on Wed with Raymond Bernard's Russian epic *Tarakanova*.
National Film Theatre (01-928 3232), throughout April.

GALLERIES

CRAIGIE AITCHISON: Paintings from the last five years, including nine versions of The Crucifixion, by a fine colourist and lovable eccentric.
Albemarle Gallery, 18 Albemarle Street, London W1 (01-493 7968) Mon-Fri 11am-6pm, free, until May 1. From Wednesday.

MASTERS OF ANIMATION: 250 examples of designs and painted celluloids by the names behind many popular television programmes.
Royal Festival Hall, South Bank Centre, London SE1 (01-921 0600), daily 10am-10pm, free, until May 6. From Friday.

LAURI LIPTON: Unnerving, super-realistic drawings about domestic life as seen by an American living in London.
Waterman's Art Centre, 40 High Street, Brentford (01-847 5651), Mon-Fri 12.30-8.30pm, Sat-Sun 11am-9pm, free, until May 3. From Friday.

BALLET IN BRITAIN: 150 drawings of dancers, costumes and sets by some of this century's finest ballet designers.
Burgh House, New End Square, Hampstead, London NW3 (01-286 9396), Wed-Sun noon-5pm, free, until April 8. From today.

ERTÉ: *Magnificently excessive drawings and designs for* theatre, opera, ballet and revue by the Frenchman who started work for *Harpers* magazine in 1915 and is still going strong.
Christies Contemporary Art, 17 Princes Arcade, 190 Piccadilly, London W1 (01-439 1472) Mon-Fri 10am-5.30pm, Sat 10am-4pm, free, until April 7.

CURRENT AFFAIRS: 28 of the best names in British art represented by recent works.
Museum of Modern Art, 30 Pembroke Street, Oxford (0865 722733), Tues-Sun 10am-6pm, free. Ends Sunday.

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

SOUTH BANK: May highlights include Festival of German Arts; Villa-Lobos centenary celebrations; and concerts of contemporary music to complement Le Corbusier exhibition. Appearances by Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau, Lucia Popp, and Mitsuko Uchida; plus first performances of *Bump* by Christopher Rouse, and Peter Eötvös's Chinese opera conducted by the composer.
South Bank Concert Halls, London SE1 (01-928 3191, 01-928 8800 credit cards, 01-928 3002 information). Postal booking now open. Personal/phone booking from April 7/8.

GLYNDEBOURNE FESTIVAL OPERA: Postal booking opens this week for seven operas, including new production of *La Traviata* and a Ravel double bill; and revivals of *Carmen*, *Cosi fan tutte*, *Capriccio*, and *Porgy and Bess*. May 24-Aug 22.
Glyndebourne, Lewes, East Sussex (0273 812321). Personal and phone booking from April 27/28.

GEORGIAN STATE DANCE COMPANY: USSR dance company on tour in Britain in June-July, with venues including Nottingham (Royal Concert Hall, 0602 472328); Northampton (Derngate, 0604 24811); Norwich (Theatre Royal, 0603 628205); and Bournemouth (Pavilion, 0202 297297).

LAST CHANCE

WONDERFUL TOWN: Maureen Lipman in Leonard Bernstein musical based on book by Joseph Fields and Jerome Chodorov. Last performances today, 5pm and 8pm.
Queen's, Shaftesbury Avenue, London W1 (01-734 1166).

Theatre: Tony Patrick and Jeremy Kingston; **Films:** Geoff Brown; **Concerts:** Max Harrison; **Opera:** Hilary Finch; **Television:** Bob Williams; **Radio:** Nigel Andrews; **Films on TV:** Marcel Berlins; **Rock:** David Sinclair; **Jazz:** Richard Williams; **Dance:** John Percival; **Galleries:** David Lee; **Bookings:** Anne Whitehouse.

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Sunday 29 Mar 3.15 pm	MOTHERS' DAY CONCERT London Concert Orchestra · Barry Wordsworth (cond) Philip Fowke (pno) Tchaikovsky Romeo & Juliet; Grieg Piano Conc. Mendelssohn Ovt. Midsummer Night's Dream; J. Strauss II Waltz, Roses from the South; Tchaikovsky Capriccio Italien. £4, £5, £6, £7, £8.50, £9.50, £10.50 Raymond Gubbay Ltd
Sunday 29 Mar 7.30 pm	ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA London Symphony Chorus Richard Hickox (conductor) Philip Langridge (tenor) Berlioz Grande messe des morts. £3.50, £5, £7, £8, £11.50, £14 RPO Ltd
Tuesday 31 Mar 7.30 pm	LONDON PHILHARMONIC Okko Kamu (conductor) Nigel Kennedy (violin) Sibelius En Saga, Tchaikovsky Violin Concerto, Nielsen Symphony No. 6. £2, £3.90, £4.90, £8.90, £14 LPO Ltd
Wednesday 1 Apr 5.55 pm	RALPH DOWNES (organ) FAREWELL RECITAL Vierne Prelude in C (Pièces de fantaisie, Op. 51), Symphonie No. 4, Legende, Scherzetto, Marche Funebre, Pastorale (24 pièces en style libre Op. 31), Les Cloches de Hinckley (Pièces de Fantaisie, Op. 55). £2 unreserved Students/OAPs/UB40 £1.50 The South Bank Board
Wednesday 1 Apr 7.30 pm	THE BACH CHOIR English Chamber Orchestra Sir David Willcocks (cond) L. Anderson, C. Denley, W. Kendall, S. Roberts, P. Langridge (Evangelist), D. Wilson-Johnson (Christus), H. Dawkes, J. Scott (organs). Bach St. John Passion (complete, sung in German). £2.70, £4, £5.50, £7, £8, £9 The Bach Choir
Thursday 2 Apr 7.30 pm	BBC SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA & SINGERS Simon Joly, David Atherton (conductors) David Bedford Symphony No 1 (London premiere), Two Poems for Chorus; Shostakovich Symphony No 7 (Leningrad). Pre-concert talk 6.15 Waterloo Rooms by David Bedford. £2, £3.50, £5, £8, £11 BBC
Friday 3 Apr 7.30 pm	LONDON PHILHARMONIC Christopher Hogwood (conductor) Mendelssohn Overture, Ruy Blas; Dvorak Wind Serenade; Schumann Symphony No 4. £2, £3.90, £7.90, £12.50 (only) LPO Ltd
Saturday 4 Apr 7.30 pm	JESUS LOPEZ-COBOS CONDUCTS THE LSO Orfeon Donostiarra Chorus from Spain Sylvia Greenberg (sop) James Bowman (counter-ten) Stephen Roberts (bar). Mozart Symphony No. 41 (Jupiter); Orff Carmina Burana. £3.50, £5.50, £7.50, £9.50, £11.50, £13.50 Victor Hochhauser
Sunday 5 Apr 11.00 am	THE BACH CHOIR English Chamber Orchestra Sir David Willcocks (cond), Felicity Lott, Sarah Walker, Maldwyn Davies, Stephen Roberts, Robert Tear, Rodney Macann, Hubert Dawkes, John Scott. Bach St. Matthew Passion (complete). £4, £5, £6.50, £8, £9, £10 The Bach Choir
Sunday 5 Apr 7.30 pm	ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA Sir Charles Groves (conductor), John Williams (guitar) Ravel Rapsodie espagnole; Granados Intermezzo (Goyescas); Ponce Guitar Concerto; Dvorak Symphony No. 7. £3.50, £5, £7, £8, £11.50, £14 RPO Ltd
Monday 6 Apr 7.30 pm	ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA Bramwell Tovey (conductor) Malcolm Binns (piano) Sibelius Finlandia, Rachmaninov Piano Concerto No.2; Tchaikovsky Symphony No. 6 (Pathetique). £4, £5, £6.50, £8, £9.50, £10.50, £11.50 Raymond Gubbay Ltd
Tuesday 7 Apr 7.30 pm	SCOTTISH NATIONAL ORCHESTRA Neeme Järvi (conductor) Raphael Wallfisch (cello) Rimsky-Korsakov Russian Easter Festival Overture, Prokofiev Sinfonia Concertante, Dvorak Symphony No. 9 (From the New World). £2.50, £3.70, £5.20, £6.70, £8, £9 Scottish National Orchestra Socy Ltd.
Wednesday 8 Apr 5.55 pm	BEN VAN OOSTEN (organ) The King of Instruments Series Bach Prelude and Fugue in B minor BWV 544; Franck Fantaisie in A (Trois pièces); Vierne Symphonie No. 3. £2 unreserved Students/OAPs/UB40 £1.50 The South Bank Board
Wednesday 8 Apr 7.30 pm	LONDON PHILHARMONIC Kurt Sanderling (conductor) James Galway (flute) Mozart Flute Concerto in G, K.313; Bruckner Symphony No. 7. £2, £3.90, £5.90, £9.90, £15 LPO Ltd.
Thursday 9 Apr 7.30 pm	PHILHARMONIA ORCHESTRA Esa-Pekka Salonen (conductor) Aage Haugland (bass) Ravel Suite, Mother Goose; Mussorgsky Songs and Dances of Death, Beethoven Symphony No 6 (Pastoral) £3.50, £4.50, £5.50, £7, £8, £9, £10, £12 Philharmonia Ltd.
Friday 10 Apr 8.00 pm	ROYAL AIR FORCE ANNIVERSARY CONCERT Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, Sir Charles Groves (cond) Central Band of the RAF, Wing Cmdr Eric Banks (cond) David Wilde (pno) wks by Walton, Rimsky-Korsakov, Liszt, John Williams, Mozart, Beethoven, Elgar. £4, £5, £6, £7.50, £8.50, £10 RAF Benevolent Fund
Monday 30 Mar 7.45 pm	OTELLO (U) 120 mins Franco Zeffirelli's film of Verdi's opera with Placido Domingo in the title role, Katia Ricciarelli as Desdemona, Justino Diaz as Iago. Orchestra & Chorus of La Scala Milan, Lorin Maazel (conductor) RETURNS ONLY The South Bank Board
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Thursday 2 Apr 7.45 pm	BRITTEN/SHOSTAKOVICH FESTIVAL City of London Sinfonia Richard Hickox (cond) Penelope Walmsley-Clark (sop) Sarah Walker (mezzo-sop) John Tomlinson (bass) Shostakovich Two pieces for strings. Britten Phaedra Shostakovich Symphony No 14 £3.50, £4.50, £5.50, £6, £7 City of London Sinfonia Ltd
Saturday 4 Apr 7.45 pm	FOREST CHOIR London Bach Orchestra Murray Stewart (conductor) Lynne Dawson, Gillian Fisher (sops) Donald Stephenson (ten) Schubert Ovt. Rosamunde; Beethoven Cantata, Calm Sea & Prosperous Voyage, Mendelssohn Symphony No 2 (Hymn of Praise) £3, £4, £5, £6, £7 The Forest Choir
Sunday 5 Apr 7.30 pm	MUSIC & MORE SERIES: SCHUBERT Israela Margalit (pno) John Shirley-Quirk (bar) Martin Isepp (pno) Lydia Mordkovitch (vln) Colin Carr (cel) Israela Margalit surveys the life of Schubert through words and music. Prog incl 2 Impromptus; Schwanengesang (excerpts); Sonata D821 Piano Trio in E fl D.929 £3, £4, £5, £6, £7 Kantor Con Mgt.
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Wednesday 8 Apr 7.45 pm	LONDON MOZART PLAYERS Mark Elder (conductor) Ernst Kovacic (violin) Mozart Symphony No. 33, Sallinen Violin Concerto (British prem), Mozart Violin Concerto in D, K.211, Haydn Symphony No. 80. £3.50, £5, £7, £8, £9 Haydn-Mozart Society
Thursday 9 Apr 7.45 pm	THE FLYING PICKETS IN CONCERT Special guest Pierre Hollins £6, £7 JSE in association with The South Bank Board
Friday 10 Apr 7.45 pm	CITY OF LONDON CHOIR City of London Sinfonia Donald Cashmore (conductor), Helen Kucharek, Catherine Denley, John Mark Ainsley, Lawrence Wallington, John Birch (org) Bach Suite No 3; Magnificat, Duruflé Requiem £3.50, £5, £5.50, £6, £7 City of London Choir

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Sunday 29 Mar 7.15 pm	PURCELL ORCHESTRA Robin Page (cond) Tina Gruenberg (vln) Roger Tapping (vla) Nielsen Little Music for Strings; Larsson Serenade; Atterberg Suite, Sibelius Romance in C; Stenhammar / Rosenberg Suite from Chess, Wiren Serenade. £3, £4, £5, £6, £7, £8 Purcell Orchestra

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Monday 30 Mar 7.30 pm	OPUS 20 Scott Stroman (conductor) Eric Hill (guitar) Stravinsky Concerto in D for string orchestra; Michael Blake Watkins Sonnial (London prem); Clouds and Eclipses; Nicholas Maw Life Studies £4 Students/OAPs/UB40 £3 Opus 20
Thursday 2 Apr 7.30 pm	JONATHAN BARRITT (viola) YEOH SAN MEI (piano) Schumann Märchenbilder, Grainger Arrival Platform Humlet; Adolas Thomas Yao-an, variations for solo viola (1st perf), Brahms Sonata in E flat Op. 120, No. 2. £2.50, £3.50 ECO & Music Society Ltd.
Friday 3 Apr 6.00 pm	ARTICULATIONS Dr. Brian Bates The Way of the Actor Dr. Brian Bates of Sussex University explores the actor's mission bringing a world of imagination into believable existence on the stage. £1.50 Students/OAPs/UB40 £1 The South Bank Board
Friday 3 Apr 7.30 pm	RICHARD RATLIFF (piano) Haydn Adagio in F, Sonata in G, Liszt Unstern, Sinistre, Disastro, Schlaflos, Frage und Antwort; Am Grabe Richard Wagners; Valse d'Obermann; Wagner/Liszt Senta's Ballad (Flying Dutchman), Messiaen Le Traquet Stapazin, George Rochberg 12 Bagatelles; £2, £3, £4 Grapevine Concert Management

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Sunday 29 March 11.30 a.m.	CLEVELAND QUARTET. Sunday Morning Coffee Concert. Beethoven: String Quartet in C minor Op. 18 No. 4. Ravel: String Quartet in F (1902) £3 inc free prog & coffee/sherry or squash after perf
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Monday 30 March 7.30 p.m.	KAZUKI SAWA violin HIROMI OKADA piano. Mozart: Sonata in B flat K454, Brahms: Sonata No. 1 in G Op. 78. Szymanowski: Mythes Op. 30, Ravel: Sonata in G (1923-7) £4.50, £4, £3, £2 Jane Gray
Tuesday 31 March 7.30 p.m.	BRIGITTE FASSBAENDER mezzo soprano IRWIN GAGE piano. Song Recital Series Brahms: Ten Lieder Schoenberg: The Book of the Hanging Gardens Op. 15 (1908) £12, £10 All others sold.
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Sunday 5 April 11.30 a.m.	CHRISTIAN ZACHARIAS piano. Sunday Morning Coffee Concert. Mozart: Sonata in A minor K310; Schumann: Scenes from Childhood Op. 15; Mozart: Sonata in A K331 with 'Rondo alla Turca' £3 inc free prog & coffee/sherry or squash after perl.
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Wednesday 8 April 7.30 p.m.	MELOS QUARTET of Stuttgart. Schubert Series. Mendelssohn: Capriccio Op. 81; Mozart: Quartet No. 14 in G K387; Schubert: Quartet No. 22 in G D887. £7.50, £6, £4.50. All others sold.
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Fri 3 Apr 7.45pm	ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA. Graeme Jenkins cond. Leslie Howard piano Prokofiev: Symphony No 1 'Classical' Tchaikovsky: Piano Concerto No 1 Shostakovich: Symphony No 5. Sponsored by DHL Worldwide Express. £11, £9, £7, £5, £4. RPO in assoc. with Raymond Gubbay Ltd
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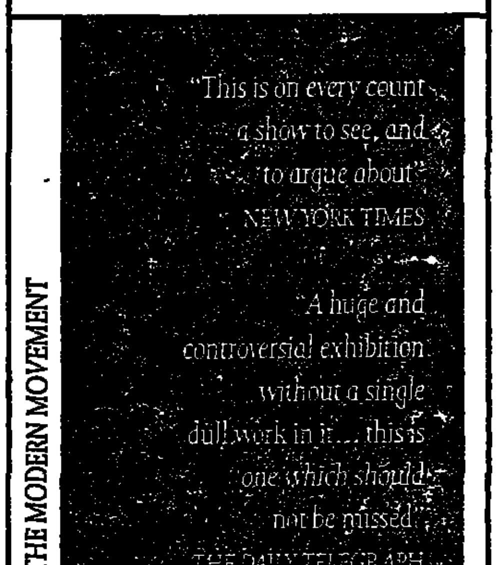

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SPORTING DIARY

Simon Barnes

Chariots adrift

It's Boat Race day again, and millions will watch the quaint old ritual and ponder on the wicked Americans who tried to spoil it. The Oxford crew's American mutineers, it has been said everywhere, have ruined the Dark Blues' chances and the race, and have been reviled throughout the land. Dan Lyons, American international oarsman and Oxford defector is, contrary to all publicity, a very decent man. He said: "The win-at-all-costs attitude comes from the coach, not the American oarsmen. The truth is that we came to England to escape that. We hoped to find the *Chariots of Fire* ideals, but where are they?

Sinking feeling

With gales whipping the Thames into the equivalent of the Irish Sea on a bad day, it does not look much of a race for the new sponsors, Beefeater Gin. Inevitably, the Beefeater man at Putney yesterday could not keep his mind off his company's last major sponsorship: Chay Blyth's attempt — in which he twice capsized — to break the record for sailing from New York to San Francisco. "If both boats go down," he reflected, "we may have to consider landed sports in future! We were thinking of running advertisements with the slogan 'Sink a few today', but decided it would be in poor taste."

Fur-fetched

Why is it that every time two or three nations are gathered together in the name of sport, they create some stupid stuffed animal? Hot on the heels of Dovey, for this year's cricket World Cup, we have a horrid little burrowing animal called Bernie whose silly face sums up the Corinthian spirit. Bernie is the symbol of next year's European football championships, and he is supposed to give the beleaguered game "a softer, warmer image". He will appear on mugs, balloons and bedspreads and, yes, he will have his own song. Next week I plan to fly to Korea (not all that far — I am filing this from Hong Kong) to do some investigative journalism on the nature of the silly stuffed animal that will symbolize next year's Olympic Games: watch this space.

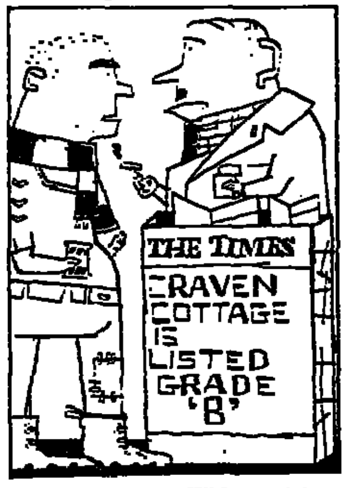
Bucking

Racing is traditionally shy about the cupidity that is a natural part of the game. But not so in Hong Kong. Among the horses that go at Shartin today are Golden Dollars, Money No Problem, Profitland, Money Machine, Fortune Years, Prosperity, Rich and Fame and, my favourite, Silver Abacus.

Going Dutch

The Cathay Pacific/Hongkong Bank invitation sevens rugby tournament is as great a competition as its name is unwieldy. It starts today with sides representing Australia, New Zealand, Fiji and less grand rugby nations such as Thailand and the Netherlands. But if Chris Gale of the Netherlands is a Dutchman then so, I thought, am I. But he is. Gale abandoned British citizenship and went Dutch so that he could play rugby for the Netherlands. "I've no regrets. If I had not made the move, I would not be here today, and it was my boyhood dream to go to Hong Kong."

BARRY FANTONI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Spheres apart

It's a hard life, being a soccer man in St Helens. The town's legendary rugby league side are already through to the Challenge Cup final at Wembley. But St Helens Town, their eternally overshadowed soccer neighbour, make a punt of their own for Wembley today: if they recover from their 1-0 deficit against Emley they will be in the final of the FA Vase. Bill Burrows, St Helens Town's secretary, said: "Rugby league is strong in this area, but they play nearly all their games on Sunday, so we don't compete for support. If we get to Wembley, plenty of rugby league men will be there to cheer us on."

Gorbachov: the Tory gamble that could fail

by David Hart

It may be harder for Mrs Thatcher to derive significant electoral advantage from her visit to the Soviet Union than some of her colleagues believe.

When Timothy Renton, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, returned from Moscow at the end of January he said, in effect, that he believed the Soviet leadership did not want Labour to win the next election.

Soviet leaders are almost certainly contemptuous of Neil Kinnock, especially of his defence policies. They find it hard to understand a political leader who is ready to give away something for nothing. But this does not mean they do not recognize that victory for a unilateralist Labour party would amount to Moscow's most significant foreign policy gain since the annexation of the East European states.

Perhaps relying on the Renton view, senior Conservatives let it be known some weeks ago that they were hoping Mrs Thatcher might persuade Gorbachov to give her some kind of electoral present. They had visions — unlikely to have been shared by the Prime Minister herself — of her returning home with a major arms control concession in her bag. Now that Gorbachov has publicly accepted the US position on intermediate nuclear forces (INF), these Conservatives have taken to pointing instead to the other electoral benefits that Mrs Thatcher can derive from the visit.

They speak of her playing her role as a world statesman to the British television audience; of photographs with Gorbachov in front of the Kremlin gates. But this would give Gorbachov an opportunity to harm her politically in an election — an opportunity he may feel obliged to take. Gorbachov is probably the least secure Soviet leader since Khrushchev. Abroad, he has just made a humiliating about face over INF. In so doing he has greatly strengthened the US Strategic Defence Initiative (SDI) by demonstrating that it does not, after all, impede arms control.

At home, there is evidence that he is facing increasing opposition. According to Washington officials, in a recent speech in Leningrad, he said that the number of privately-owned agricultural plots should be expanded in order to increase food production. All the speech was reported in *Pravda* except the reference to private plots. A matter of great contention within the leadership.

Gorbachov may be under increasing pressure to placate his more conservative colleagues who form the principal opposition to his domestic policies. These men are not noted for their charitable intentions towards Mrs Thatcher. Certain entirely reasonable remarks about human rights that she made last weekend in Torquay have already brought a strong reaction from Moscow.

The script is simple. First, Gorbachov could try to persuade Mrs Thatcher to act as an intermediary on INF. But because she is the closest ally of one of the parties to the negotiations, she cannot intermediate.

Then Gorbachov could try to persuade her to adopt the view of Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the West German foreign minister, of the Anti-Ballistic Missile (ABM) Treaty — the narrow interpretation. But she has already stated publicly, at Camp David, that she favours testing the SDI to the point of feasibility. This can be consistent only with the broad interpretation.

Gorbachov could try to get Mrs Thatcher to assist him in persuading the US to enter into a comprehensive test ban treaty, but the Americans will not at the moment because the Soviet cycle is more advanced than theirs.

Undoubtedly, he would like her to bridge the gap between the US and Soviet positions on chemical weapons, but the Americans believe that no chemical treaty can be verified. Modern chemical weapons can be produced very rapidly in civilian factories that make pesticides, using the same raw materials. This could much more easily be done secretly in the Soviet Union than in the West.

Gorbachov has signalled that he would like to persuade Mrs Thatcher to talk to him about Britain's independent nuclear deterrent, but both she and President Mitterrand made it clear again this week that they will not enter into such negotiations.

Gorbachov would, of course, like her to bail out his economy with credits and technology. But the last time the West obliged, during the period of detente, the then Soviet leaders took the opportunity to order a massive increase in defence spending and put the finishing touches to the most formidable fighting machine the world has ever known.

All in all, Mrs Thatcher may find that she has to say *nyet* in Moscow. This would be no problem for an American president. The more he was made to look unobliging and hawkish the more his popularity would increase at home. The same is not necessarily true for a British prime minister.

If Gorbachov makes proposal after proposal apparently designed to lower tension, as he did at Reykjavik, a seemingly unobliging Mrs Thatcher will be vulnerable to the Labour and Alliance argument that she has no wish for an improvement in relations with the Soviet Union.

In addition, if Gorbachov decides to be very nice to Mrs Thatcher, in public at least, projecting himself as a most reasonable man, her policy of maintaining a strong defence, one of the Conservatives' most important and popular electoral arguments against both the Labour Party and the Alliance will, inevitably, be undermined.

Any meeting between Mrs Thatcher and Mr Gorbachov is bound to be an engrossing political spectacle. It cannot but raise expectations. None the less, it would be foolish for Conservative election strategists to promote it as more than an opportunity for the Prime Minister to get to know the Soviet leaders and their country better. An entirely worthwhile undertaking in itself.

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Joseph Connolly tells the tale of Beatrix and her pictures

Peter Rabbit's new bloom

It is the 85th anniversary of *The Tale of Peter Rabbit*, the first of Beatrix Potter's little books, and 70 years since publication of the 23rd and last of them. Next month Frederick Warne, the original publisher (now owned by Penguin) will reissue the complete set in an entirely re-originated edition, the originals of nearly every single watercolour having been tracked down and re-photographed. This is bigger news than it might seem because a new four-colour printing process (and £40,000 for the transparencies alone) have rendered the new illustrations not merely as good as, but *better* than those in the very earliest editions.

Beatrix Potter's success story is a singular one: she was born in 1866, and appeared to be very involved with rabbits from an early age. She was only nine when she painted her first watercolours of them, and generally kept a real one about her person. For many years she recorded its antics in a journal written entirely in a code of her own devising, which remained uncracked until 1958. At the age of 24 she was often to be seen with her prize rabbit, Benjamin, on a long leather lead. Benjamin often got sick on sweets he shouldn't have eaten, and appears to have been especially partial to liquorice comfits. A couple of years later, young Beatrix bought another rabbit for four shillings and sixpence in Shepherd's Bush, and named him Peter.

The Tale of Peter Rabbit was written in 1893 in the form of a long letter to a rather delicate five-year-old of her acquaintance, and illustrated with black-and-white drawings. Several other letters followed, and by the turn of the century Beatrix Potter was wondering whether or not one or two of them might make a book. She redrew *Peter Rabbit* and submitted the story; seven publishers (including Warne) turned it down. By now the author was *convinced* that it would be a success, and so had printed privately 250 copies with 42 line drawings, together with a coloured frontispiece — the wonderful illustration of Peter in bed, cowering from the ministrations of his mother and her camomile tea.

Peter Rabbit and Benjamin Bunny: a startling contrast in clarity

The three-colour process artwork was handled by Hentschel of Fleet Street (Carl Hentschel, incidentally, being the real-life Harris in *Three Men in a Boat*), and Miss Potter had the foresight to order 500 copies, in case a reprint was needed; it was. Frederick Warne now became interested, and asked the author to colour *all* the illustrations, whereby he could publish an edition of 3,000 copies to sell at one shilling paper or 1s 6d cloth, and at a royalty of one penny per copy. Beatrix Potter demanded the very best colour printing of the day, however, and so when the book was finally published in October 1902, it was in an edition of 8,000 copies, the author by mutual agreement receiving no royalty at all on the first 3,000 and marginally under twopence per copy thereafter. By the end of the year, 28,000 copies were in print. Twelve months and six printings later, 56,500 had been sold.

Both Miss Potter and Warne were taken aback by the scale of the success, while eager to appease the national appetite for more. *The Tale of Squirrel Nutkin* followed shortly, and then came *The Tailor of Gloucester*. Then as now, the phenomenon was that the publication of each new successive volume in no way diminished the demand for its forerunners: *not one of the* 23 books has even been out of print. By 1986 the less popular later titles still sold at the rate of 15,000 copies a year, while Peter Rabbit himself sells around 70,000 regularly; worldwide annual sales are calculated in millions.

The merchandising or spin-off market is not so recent as one might imagine. In 1903 Beatrix Potter herself made up in velvet a Peter Rabbit doll on the grounds that the toy rabbits in Harrods were "so ugly", but it failed to be manufactured because of her insistence that it be made in Britain, at a time when all soft toys were cheap imports.

Another product she failed to get off the ground was Peter Rabbit wallpaper, which she offered to both Sanderson and Liberty, the former, intriguingly, thinking it "too old-fashioned". But plenty else went into production very early on — board games, painting and colouring books, handkerchiefs, slippers, bibs, hot-water bottles, calendars, cards, and the much-loved and sorely missed pastel-painted wooden bookshelf which, I understand, Warne are *considering re-introducing*.

Beatrix Potter always insisted on quality products, and largely the tradition is maintained; the *range of spin*-off material today is vast, ranging from the famous Wedgwood china to baby clothes, 3-D viewers, cook books and pencil sharpeners. During Beatrix Potter's lifetime, the books had been translated into Dutch, Afrikaans, Spanish, Welsh, German and French (the author disliking the literal rendering "Pierre Lapin", and unsuccessfully suggesting "Renie Lapereau") and subsequently into just about everything else, including Latin, Icelandic, Esperanto and Braille.

The new edition will stand as their finest hour. Two years of dedication, one thousand miles of travel, thousands of sheets of film, repeated reproofing and more money than it is even seemly to contemplate have resulted in the most brilliant reproductions imaginable — the comparison with the former edition is literally breathtaking. All but 11 of the original watercolours were found, and those missing were copied from *the first editions*.

Beatrix Potter died in 1943, always modest about her achievement: the only depictor of animals wearing clothes who rendered them neither foolish nor obscene. Peter Rabbit, she averred, "never aspired to high art; he was passable"; in the 1930s, she turned down a film offer from Walt Disney on the grounds that her *drawings were not good enough*, and in a letter to Warne written in 1905 she doubted that her few books to date would still be in print by 1907. The print run for the new 1987 edition is 910,000, with a reprint lined up for June.

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When all roads lead to Nottingham

The quest for church unity in Britain has been likened to trying to scale the Niagara Falls by rowing up them: determination isn't lacking; it is simply that the flow of history is in the wrong direction. Each denomination has *strongly held perceptions of itself* and of its own history, usually at the expense of someone else's history. But in spite of all this — hope springs eternal in the churches — another attempt to row up Niagara is due this weekend, when some 30 churches take part in a national conference at Nottingham University. At least this time they all expect to get wet.

Previous schemes and projects have foundered spectacularly in some detail of "church order", meaning respect for the integrity of ordained ministries. The Anglican-Methodist unity scheme collapsed in the early 1970s, and the slightly less ambitious "Covenant for Unity" in the early 1980s, in each case because the Church of England backed off at the last minute. The conventional wisdom today is that these projects were doomed anyway, for reasons which now seem clear. The current project, of which the Nottingham meeting is a crucial stage, was devised to maximize the benefits of hindsight: it cannot fail because it is not intended to achieve anything specific. And the demon of "church order" has been finally put on one side.

The first stage, a year ago, was an extraordinarily successful network of discussion groups, orchestrated by local radio and based firmly at the level of ordinary church members, of whom hundreds of thousands took part. This was many more *than anyone expected, but* the frustrating paradox at the heart of all previous journeys in these directions was still there, for all the enthusiasm. People want church unity but are determined not to let it spoil the familiar landscape of denominationalism. It is always envisaged as being on "our" terms, not on "theirs".

This attempt differed from previous ones not only by starting at the church membership's lay baseline, rather than halfway up the hierarchical tree: it also went back to the theological baseline with two *standard questions* — "What is the church?" and "What is the church for?" Naturally a Roman Catholic's response to such a question is very different from a Baptist's, but the idea was that each of them should hear the other struggling with it, and perhaps learn in the process something useful to himself.

A mountain of paper work later, all these threads are now waiting to be pulled together, and that is what Nottingham has planned to do. All earlier ecumenical efforts have resolved themselves, before finally collapsing, into the familiar problems of Anglican-Free Church relationships at the institutional level ("church order" problems). But the present one is about different patterns altogether, because of the official (and substantial) participation of the Roman Catholic Church. Some nonconformists have found this entirely refreshing: instead of talking to the Church of England as to Big Brother, as one said, the Church of England's even bigger brother is there too.

The preservation of denominational identity, the stone on which ecumenism has always stubbed its toe in the past, is beginning to look like a necessity out of which it may be possible to construct a virtue. One of the leading participants said he had concluded that if each of the churches was convinced that its own ethos and structure was essential to *the protection of* some fundamental Christian value, perhaps it was true. The Free Churches were insistent upon the "priesthood of all believers" and the importance of the local church community; the Catholics upon the need for a visible focus of universality and authority; maybe they were both right, and what was wrong was the assumption that one was exclusive of the other.

So in theory at least, Methodists and Presbyterians should begin to see the point of the papacy, and Catholics the need for a new deal for the Catholic laity. And ideally these *should* not *just become* bargaining counters in negotiations about a united church: if they are valid, each church should start to put its own house in order for its own sake.

Under the earlier models of church unity, institutional arrangements came first, and convergence was expected to follow. The new thinking could be summed up as *convergence first, institutional* arrangements much later. What is beginning to crystalize is a common perception, in all the denominations, of what factors might make up an ideal church, one they can all aim towards while still separate. And the advantage is that no one's identity is threatened, at least from outside.

What is still lacking, which Nottingham might begin to supply, is a sense of excitement, of real drama, so that the long road of ecumenical progress begins once more to capture the imagination. It may yet be a healthy sign that that has not happened so far, for what ultimately flawed both the Anglican-Methodist scheme and the Covenant for Unity was the alliance of too much imagination *with not enough commitment*.

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Dealing with the Davids

With the latest opinion poll putting the Alliance ahead of Labour, Conservative MPs and their supporters in the country will inevitably call on ministers to be more vigorous in seeing off the two Davids. But it is not as easy as many seem to think. Indeed, having spent several years in the attempt, I can say that it combines the impropriety of being rude about the vicar with the difficulty of wrestling with a greased pig.

We just cannot wade in against the Liberals and the SDP, but that does not stop them from ignoring the Queensberry rules. There is a long tradition of the Alliance's underwhelming commitment to fair play, stretching from the Liberal victory at Orpington in 1962. *But no mark of Cain is* apparently left on its practitioners.

Conservatives also grind their teeth over the apparent public belief that Alliance politicians have no past. Their file is shredded; the political *fingerprints* which tell the tale of all our collective indiscretions and infamies are in their case carefully wiped off all the furniture. They have somehow been translated into a world above and beyond contemporary politics.

There was a glorious, brazenly typical example of this during the Greenwich by-election. Rosie Barnes, victress supreme, roundly denounced the sack of the grammar schools and the throttling of educational opportunities for working-class children. Were Shirley Williams and Roy Jenkins *there to cheer? Who better* to represent all those civilized arguments of the 1960s for the rape of excellence and the imposition of something called equality — at as fast a pace as ministerial circulars could manage?

In Bath, my own constituency, Shirley Williams the other day made a moving speech about education spending and teachers' salaries. Who cared that when she was Education Minister spending on education actually fell and teachers' salaries also took a dive, by 8 per cent in real terms?

And then there's the greased pig. *Who knows what the Liberals* and the SDP stand for — today or ever? What precisely was the topography of the middle-ground appeal in 1974 which ushered in hyper-inflation and unleashed Scargill and his friends?

I'm sure there were yards of policies then, as no doubt there are now. Rosie Barnes even knows SDP policy on ballet schools for *the* young (of both sexes, I hope). What those policies actually amount to is another matter.

David Owen tried to make SDP policies add up to something relevant to the *1980s. He* seemed to be groping bravely towards his own version of the "social market economy". In the event, he has not shown much macho. SDP *policy today* is a confection of the antique charms of Roy Jenkins.

Mr Jenkins offers a trip down memory lane; it's back to the 1960s and forget the history in-between. Some old and precious exhibits — higher taxes and more state intervention — are brought up from the cellar and set out in a tableau called "Moderation".

How can you attack moderation? *Since we all have to* be moderate, how can you prove that Tories are not beyond the pale? In my own constituency I now find myself dubbed an extremist menace simply because I won't swallow the great big whopper which is and always will be at the heart of that often decently-intentioned sanctimoniousness of the Liberals and the SDP.

The Alliance's great deception is trying to make us believe that the solution to reversing Britain's decline can be painless. We could have cut inflation and raised productivity without a bruise on the peach's skin, *it says*; we could have seen off the National Union of Mineworkers with no more than the odd, "Move along there, please", from the local constabulary; we could have dealt effectively with Moscow's deployment of SS20s in Europe by listening more intently to all those wispy young men with shoes shaped like Cornish pasties at Liberal Party conferences. ("Keep Crewkerne a Nuclear Free Zone").

It is all so misleading — even when practised by the urbane Chancellor of Oxford University — that it makes even the most *moderate* of Conservatives shout against the heavens. And you suspect that David Owen realizes too what a timorous, time-serving betrayal it is. Surely he cannot have sold out all those high-minded Cromwellian principles.

The only thing Conservatives can do is this. Count to ten, swallow our rage, and proceed on the assumption that voters are more intelligent and more realistic than the Alliance thinks and are aware that the soft options have run out. We have to say exactly what we want to do next, rough edges and all, in order to reinvigorate the country. And if we're wrong, if belief in free breakfasts and free lunches continues to run deep, if reality is still only an infrequent and fleeting visitor to these shores, if (as we might say in the Commons) the wimps have it, *if* all that — then God help Britain.

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The two-nation loyalty tug

Washington

American Jews are again in a lather about the old question of "*dual loyalty*" *following the* conviction of Jonathan and Ann Pollard for spying for Israel. Generally it is Jews (including me), not anti-semites, who are worrying this bone in public. But the special relationship of Jews to the Jewish state does require a bit of explanation. (I don't mean treason: there is no decent explanation for that.)

Until the Second World War, few Jews supported Zionism — the belief in a Jewish national homeland. Most rejected the idea that Jews *were* a nation: America was a nation; Britain was a nation; Judaism was a religion. The Holocaust ended that argument but it did not solve the seeming contradiction for Jews who cherish Israel but have no wish to emigrate. Zealots on both sides of the Zionist fence ask *the* same question: how can you believe in the Jewish state and also believe that Jews can be full, normal citizens of other states?

In America, the common answer *is that* we are a nation of nations, an ethnic melting pot. Professor Oscar Handlin wrote four decades ago: "The position of Israel with regard to Jewish Americans is . . . entirely similar to the position of Italy and Ireland with regard to Italian and Irish Americans."

This comforting theory does not really describe Israel's importance to many Jews. There are theoretical problems, too. Most nations are not ethnic melting pots. Is "dual loyalty" a more legitimate question for Jews in Britain or France? Ironically, while ethnic pluralism makes *it* easier to explain American Jewish support for Israel, it makes it harder to explain Israel itself: a nation based, like most nations, mainly on ethnic *principles*.

A second answer to the "dual loyalty" question is that there is only a single loyalty to values that Israel, Britain, and the US all share: democracy, freedom, etc. If America and Israel ever came into fundamental conflict, which is hard to imagine, it would mean that one party had betrayed those values, which would make the choice easy. This argument is also comforting but a bit facile. Shared political values *are* important. But patriotism is not really so bloodless and analytical; nor is the Jewish love of Israel.

A third, less comforting, answer to the question is that everyone has multiple loyalties, which can detract one from the other. But only a totalitarian or a vulgarian would insist that the loyalty of citizenship must always override *all others*.

E.M. Forster is held in contempt by many for saying he would betray his country before he would betray a friend. But what about a wife, a parent or a child? Perhaps a man *should* betray his family before his country, but no one would claim that it would be an easy choice. And leaving aside the melodramatic question of betrayal, in everyday life all of us constantly subordinate the interests of the state to other loyalties: religious, local, familial. And why not? That's one thing freedom is about.

Of course it *gets* touchier *when* the competing loyalty is to another nation. If it came to "betraying" America or Israel, the vast majority of non-Israeli Jews would betray Israel. Even if it turned out *there were 50 Pollards* (as some are hinting), that would say nothing about the loyalty of five million American Jews.

Nevertheless, the emotional attachment of American Jews to Israel undeniably complicates their attachment to their own country. Well, life *is* complicated. American Quakers refuse to serve in the armed forces; Jehovah's Witnesses refuse to salute the flag. This puts them outside the mainstream in ways they just have to live with. Melting-pot America makes this easier than, say, Britain does. But it will never be painless.

It is often said that America has become the Jewish promised land. By any objective standard, sadly, Jews are safer and freer to thrive here than in Israel. But those Israelis are right who say that Jewish Americans will always bear a burden of outsiderness that citizens of Israel do not. (And British Jews, I imagine, somewhat more so.) Like a worried parent they will always be taking the temperature of anti-semitism.

The challenge of outsiderness can be ennobling. It drives many American Jews to be better citizens — harder working, more generous to charities, more involved in local affairs than their average compatriot. It also can be emotionally degrading, as when Jews worry about being "too obvious" in social behaviour or politics, and when they feel they must prove themselves by being the loudest to denounce the Pollards or other Jewish malefactors.

On the other hand, *there are* worse fates for sure.

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TRADE WAR FEVER

It is an honourable role of governments to help home companies win contracts abroad. Britain might do more to promote its industries. It is all the more unfortunate then that the support in the House of Commons this week for the ambitions of Cable & Wireless in Japan should have become the excuse for so much excited xenophobia and protectionist rhetoric.

Backbenchers, ministers and Opposition spokesmen seemed to sense with relief an increasingly rare outlet for jingoism. Tory backbencher, Richard Hickmet, claimed on Wednesday that Japan was "planning world domination through trade", that Japanese financial institutions were moving to take over the City and that they should be told to go home. More surprisingly, Mr Alan Clark, the Minister for Trade, wholly agreed with him. Financial services offered a loophole for immediate retaliatory action otherwise denied, to Mr Clark's chagrin, by international trade treaties.

The Opposition was anxious to climb aboard this populist bandwagon. Mr John Smith, the shadow Trade Secretary, urged the minister to "do to the Japanese what they do to us". Mr Clark, who had actively welcomed Members' indignation, wished that he could. He was restrained only by the paraphernalia of international law.

The treaties, in question, based on the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, were drawn up under enlightened American guidance in the postwar years to promote the beneficial growth of free trade and outlaw the prewar protection that had done so much to impoverish nations and endanger peace. They have in great measure been responsible for the unprecedented improvement of living standards around the globe. To Parliament, it seemed that they were merely a nuisance.

The specific issue that set off this reaction — the ambitions of the British multinational Cable & Wireless to compete with Japan's international monopoly telephone utility — has become obscured. Telecommunications networks round the world have traditionally been dominated by national — often state owned — monopoly utilities. The process of deregulation, pioneered in the United States, has only recently started to spread. Britain has denationalized British Telecom and licensed limited competition from Mercury Communications, part of Cable & Wireless.

The rest of Europe is far behind, refusing even to deal directly with Mercury. Japan has now joined in by privatizing its domestic network and offering a license for competition with its separate overseas network, which displays many of the worst traits of monopoly.

Japan, lacking a ready-made domestic competitor, had an exciting opportunity to expand international trade in services and demonstrate its commitment to the free trade system by licensing a foreign-led consortium. Cable & Wireless was encouraged at the highest level. But officials feared its competitive power. Foreign investment would be welcome, but not foreign technical leadership.

By appearing to promise much and delivering little, the Japanese government — short of a late change of mind — will turn a great opportunity into a new focus of trade tension. But for Japan to funk the challenge of being the first to license a foreign-led utility does not, justify calls for a trade war.

Still less does it invite criticism from Mr Smith, whose party has scant respect for free trade in the first place and who would be directly responsible for implementing the Labour Party policy of renationalizing British Telecom and eliminating competition. Higher standards should, however, be expected from a Government which understands the benefits of free markets.

Frustration with Japan's protectionist past is understandable. The barriers have been slow to fall and the process has further to go, particularly, for instance, in financial services. But none of the three great free world economic groups can point with much pride to its record in sticking to the principles of free trade.

Japan's huge trade surplus gives it both a moral obligation and a vested self-interest in providing a good example to the rest of the world. Over the past ten years, it has arguably become the least protected market of the three. Its tariff and non-tariff barriers have come down as protection has increased in Europe and North America.

But Japan is still not providing that example. Ingrained nationalist instincts still flourish, for example in the absurd case of skis and the more serious discrimination against Scotch whisky. The European Commission is pursuing that through a formal complaint under the rules of Gatt, which Mr Clark finds so burdensome. That is the right way and the distillers' case will surely prevail.

Some of the criticism of Japanese trade practices is well justified. The rhetoric of trade war, by contrast, is both dangerous and ultimately counterproductive. The rhetoric is aimed at Japan, where it is increasingly meeting resistance to bullying and resentment of its often racist overtones. But it is received most enthusiastically at home. The Government may think that in order to promote free trade it has to rattle the sabre of protecting British interests. This week should give it pause for much needed thought.

OLD BATTLES IN THE AEGEAN

Yesterday's sudden flare-up between Greece and Turkey caught the Western allies off-guard, at a time when their attention was unwaveringly focused on East-West relations in general and Mrs Thatcher's Moscow visit in particular. But the quarrel from which it sprung is such an old one that Nato must take some of the blame itself for not coming up before with a solution. That the Turkish ship involved, the Sismik 1, was at the centre of the last crisis 11 years ago, only sharpens the sense of *deja vu*.

The two countries have been locked in sporadic diplomatic conflict for many years over the territorial waters, air space and mineral exploration in the Aegean. One crucial point of difference is the Athens government's insistence that each of the 2,000 islands there (most of which belong to Greece) has its own six- mile continental shelf — within which all exploration rights belong to the country concerned.

The Greek claim is based on the 1958 Geneva Comvention. Turkey insists, on the other hand, that those islands in the Eastern Aegean, though flying the Greek flag, are a mere extension of the Turkish continental shelf and, therefore, not entitled to have one of their own.

Negotiations have taken place at intervals during the last decade, but without conspicuous success. They continued for four months after the 1976 crisis but petered out after fundamental disagreements. Then in late 1983 the unilateral declaration of independence by Mr Rauf Denktas in his self-styled Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus caused a further breach between the two "allies" which has never been resolved.

A struggle for power between such ancient adversaries is not easily settled. It has certainly defeated the efforts of both Nato and the United Nations Secretary-General. The peace initiative over Cyprus, which two years ago looked so promising, has ground to a halt — for the time being anyway. And with Cyprus unresolved, the chances of finding an acceptable compromise on the vexed issue of Aegean rights, has never looked very bright.

Strictly speaking the dispute should not affect Nato. It remains a private quarrel between two allies, which is unrelated to the need for joint security which binds them to the Western alliance. But the vulnerability of Nato's South-Eastern flank, which their continuing quarrel exposes, is a damaging and demoralising weakness.

The Greeks have always felt that Nato sympathies in the end come down against them — if for no other reason than that the alliance's military command places more value on Turkey's large forces and its special strategic position. In any trial of strength it would certainly seem that Turkey has more power at its disposal.

But both countries — and those who have concern for their well-being — have been guilty of allowing it to fester on in recent years, almost as if resigned to its inevitability. The result is a worrying and embarrassing danger at a time when the alliance was congratulating itself on unity and strength. Lord Carrington's offer to mediate is as necessary as it is welcome. One might wish that it had come a little earlier.

FOURTH LEADER

An American television reporter recently did a programme about the various devices on the market for deterring, baffling or catching burglars; we gather that it was something in the nature of a *Which?* report. To ensure that the study would be fully convincing, and thus genuinely useful to the viewers, he eschewed the use of a studio, and made the programme in his own home.

Picture the scene; he goes from room to room, here drawing attention to the under-carpet pressure-pads which trigger the alarm if stepped on, there pointing to the source of the infra-red rays which similarly signal the presence of an intruder, now showing a close-up of the lock on his front door, anon demonstrating the exact location, on the outside wall, of the bell which will shrill the news of criminals to the neighbours for a hundred yards around.

A public-spirited citizen, that reporter; would that we were in a position to report that virtue had been rewarded. Alas, we can only report that burglars, at any rate in America, enjoy watching television programmes as much as the honest folk do. At any rate they watched this one, and watched it closely, too, for shortly after it was transmitted they broke into the reporter's home, pausing to jam the exterior bell before entering, picking the now familiar lock, carefully avoiding the pressure-pads, ducking under the line of the infra-red rays. To rub salt into his wounds, they stole, among other things, his television set.

A sadder and a wiser man, he rose the morrow morn; and a poorer. But the episode does raise a novel point. We are all familiar with the maxim that every criminal makes one mistake; it is, indeed, the very foundation of the detective-story. It seems, however, that the rule applies not only to villains, but to the upright as well. The reporter should have seen the catch in it; but he did not. Well, we too have made such mistakes in our time. And if our follies are not enough to console him, we can offer him a far more illustrious example.

Sir Isaac Newton had a cat of which he was very fond. The cat would scratch on the door of his study while he was at his desk discovering gravity or the Fourth Law of Motion, and the kind-hearted savant would abandon his work and let puss in. In the way of cats, puss soon tired of watching him, and demanded to be let out, thus interrupting again the work which would change the world. After a time, Newton solved the problem. He got down on his hands and knees and cut a bit out of the bottom of the door (thus, incidentally, inventing in rudimentary form the cat-flap). Problem solved.

The cat, however, was a female cat, and in time, as is the way with female cats, she presented her famous owner with a fine litter of kittens. Whereupon, Sir Isaac Newton, not to be caught twice, went down on his hands and knees *and cut a smaller hole beside the first one.*

That story will not, of course, bring back the television reporter's stolen property. But it may make him feel better. Now we come to think of it, if his burglars forgot to wipe their fingerprints off his furniture and are caught, it may make them feel better, too.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

How to prevent medical error

From Mrs A. C. Graham

Sir, Last week our daughter received compensation for medical negligence (report, March 17) and we found ourselves for a brief spell in the public eye. Before we slip back into obscurity, may I make two suggestions, both of which I believe to be constructive?

First, I suggest that there should be an experienced doctor in every casualty department who could advise the casualty officer and help with diagnosis. Recently retired GPs interested in part-time work might be willing to set up a rota in their respective areas.

Second, — and I am indebted to one of the many experts who examined our daughter for this idea — I suggest a panel of specialists should be appointed to establish the extent and possible consequences of the injury sustained by the victim and that both plaintiff and defendant(s) should agree in advance to accept this panel's reports.

Had such a system been in operation, our daughter would not have had to undergo, in the course of the last year, over a dozen examinations by people who, however considerate, were total strangers to her, just for the preparation of her case; and a great deal of money could have been saved.

Yours faithfully,
PENELOPE R. GRAHAM,
The Grove,
The Ridgeway,
Mill Hill, NW7.
March 24.

An author's warning

From Mr Graham Greene, OM, CH

Sir, The statement recorded in *The Times* Diary of March 24 by my nephew, Graham Carlton Greene, joint chairman of Chatto, Bodley Head and Cape, that rumours of changes are "pure fantasy" seems to indicate that he is living himself in a fantasy world.

Publishers depend on authors, and I am sure that I am not the only author who will consider leaving the group should there be none of the necessary changes in the administration.

Yours truly,
GRAHAM GREENE,
Antibes, France.
March 24.

Research at risk

From Dr R. Taylor

Sir, I have just had my *fifth* consecutive alpha-rated research project rejected for lack of funds. The effect on morale of myself (and others similarly affected) may well be imagined.

What future is there in continuing to devise first-class research projects (with all the time and effort that this involves) only to have them rejected in this way?

There is a deep underlying anger over this situation and the Government would do well to recognise it sooner rather than later.

Yours faithfully,
R. TAYLOR,
10 St Pancras Green,
Kingston,
Lewes, Sussex.

Keeping Latin safe

From Mr Brian Wilks

Sir, By far the greatest threat to the survival of Greek or Latin must surely be the phasing out of those subjects in the training of teachers in the United Kingdom. Perhaps, as in mathematics, we can look forward to beneficial grants and incentive payments to save the day.

Yours faithfully,
B. J. WILKS,
University of Leeds,
School of Education,
Leeds, West Yorkshire.

Island in the sun

From Dr Nicholas Polunin

Sir, I do not presume to judge the merits or otherwise of the research which you report an anthropologist of the University College of Swansea is to carry out, but I do wish to take issue with the tone of your fourth leader (March 14). You seem to suggest that worthwhile research cannot be carried out in the context of an "exotic" island setting.

Thank goodness such a parochial attitude did not earlier stop Darwin, Wallace, Malinowski and many others from making their outstanding contributions to our science and our culture. Is it not precisely these attitudes which have come so to limit the British outlook in recent years and have allowed the rest of the world to leave us in the shade?

Yours,
NICHOLAS V. C. POLUNIN,
University of Newcastle upon Tyne,
Department of Zoology,
Newcastle upon Tyne.

Natural spelling

From Lord Simon of Glaisdale

Sir, May I respond to outstanding points raised by your correspondents about my plea for making English easier to learn (report, March 5; my letter, March 11).

Mr Bott (March 11) asks how I can defend the anomaly of "snowplow". I can't, and needn't — any more than "know-how" which Mr Bell devastatingly invoked (March 21). Radical reformers have schemes for such anomalies: my own, more modest plea is for a few economical improvements in areas of proved difficulty, but which will not make the language look repellent to reasonable people who have already learnt to read English. "Plow" has been used by Americans without difficulty for 200 years.

Professor Sampson (March 21) ascribes our inferiority to the Japanese in literacy to comparative lack of "motivation". Is it not likely that the vagaries of our spelling/pronunciation help to sap determination to achieve and retain literacy? Nor must it be forgotten that after World War II the Japanese themselves carried out a series of orthographic reforms.

Professor Sampson also writes: "Visual distinctiveness of words rather than . . . sound/letter correspondences makes a script easy to read." Even if this were undisputed (which it is not), literacy extends to ability to write as well as to read.

Dr Black (March 21) really makes my point for me. A young child says *teached* "having internalised the general pattern." "The general pattern" is the regular past in *-d* or *-ed*. The more you can maintain this regularity, the less has the child to go on to "internalise" something different.

A few days after the debate we learnt (report, March 9) that a quarter of young people entering the Job Training Scheme could neither read nor write. This is a rebuke to inertia and obstruction.

Yours sincerely,
SIMON of GLAISDALE,
House of Lords.
March 27.

Racecourse views on satellite TV

From the Chief Executive of Satellite Information Services Limited,

Sir, May I respond to the letter from Mr Graham Rock which you published on March 20. When Satellite Information Services was established, one of its first concerns was to apprise all interested parties of the planned service and its implications for the industry. This included presentations to all the bookmaking organisations: the Horserace Totalisator Board, the Home Office, the Horserace Betting Levy Board and the Jockey Club.

The presentation to the Club Secretariat was made on October 15, 1985, and I have no doubt they were impressed by the programme to be supplied and by the fact that the information service to off-course bookmakers would no longer be under the monopoly control of Exchange Telegraph Ltd, who paid nothing to racecourses for the privilege. They saw that SIS would bring a competitive service into the industry and, at the same time, would pay racecourses a substantial amount for the ability to transmit live pictures into betting shops.

As for Mr Rock's suggestion that a satellite service could be delivered by the Racecourse Association in conjunction with Racecourse Technical Services (a wholly owned subsidiary of the Levy Board), this is not a view shared by the chairmen of those two organisations, both of whom welcomed their own separate agreements with SIS.

Mr Rock also refers to the projected benefit to the original shareholders and other bookmakers as being "disproportionate". The major companies who set up the original consortium did so because they, together with many other bookmakers, were unhappy about the quality of service they were receiving from the industry's sole supplier of audio and text information. They see their principal reward for the commercial risk they have taken as being able to choose an alternative and what, in my view, will be a far superior service to that which is currently available.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN BEARD, Chief Executive,
Satellite Information Services Limited,
17 Corsham Street, N1.

From the Chairman of the Racecourse Association Limited

Sir, In reply to Mr Graham Rock, I must make the following observations.

The Racecourse Association is shortly to sign a contract with SIS which should bring the racecourses nearly £20million over the next five years. We entered negotiations with a number of different consortia and SIS proved to be most favourable for the RCA, which in turn will lead to needed racecourse improvements, to include track safety, comfort of the patrons and welfare of horses, jockeys and lads. A less favourable deal in cash terms would clearly mean fewer improvements.

The proposed contract will ensure that fewer greyhound races than horse races are shown each afternoon, and as soon as technically possible, there will be two horserace meetings each day, which should ensure that the levy remains at least at the present level. It is no doubt in the bookmakers' interest to show as much horseracing as possible to maximize turnover. However, the fact that greyhounds will be shown live could have some effect on betting, which the RCA recognises.

As for the 40 per cent equity, this will be held by independent companies and it is only being held by the RCA as a temporary measure until the equity is taken up after the signing of the contract, to ensure that at all times the big four bookmakers do not have a majority on the board of SIS, a situation in which the big four are willing partners.

The board of the RCA thought long and hard over this issue before going in with SIS and are now firm partners in this venture. We support a start-up of the system as early as possible.

Yours sincerely,
PETER LENG, Chairman,
The Racecourse Association Limited,
Winkfield Road,
Ascot,
Berkshire.
March 25.

Aids and pensions

From Mr Nicholas Pye-Smith

Sir, If single men are to be charged higher life assurance premiums than their married counterparts because of the greater risk of their dying from Aids, can they expect to pay reduced pension-fund contributions for the same reason?

If not, there appears to be a new argument for reducing the special tax relief enjoyed by married men.

Yours faithfully,
N. R. PYE-SMITH,
12 Oakbrook Court,
Riverdale Park,
Sheffield, South Yorkshire.
March 19.

Soviet intentions

From Professor M. C. C. Wheeler

Sir, David Watt (March 20) offers the Prime Minister an admirable lesson in Soviet politics. An allusion to the history of Russia might also not go amiss on the eve of her departure for Moscow.

Mr Gorbachov and his colleagues — amongst whom Mrs Thatcher's opposite number, the Soviet Prime Minister (Mr Ryzhkov) should probably be singled out — wish to introduce more dynamism and to extirpate underproduction in industry and agriculture, inefficiency in management, corruption and factionalism in central and local government.

Precisely these were among the principal goals, nearly 300 years ago, of Peter the Great. This imperious, indefatigable and, at least in matters of technology and management, ingenious monarch was no respecter of rank or person and sought in his reforms to promote both individual merit and collective wisdom. But he did not for an instant pretend to be a Western-style "liberal"; and, while seemingly intrigued by the freedom of speech which he remarked in the House of Lords during his visit to England, is reputed to have said of his own country that "English liberty has no place here".

Mrs Thatcher might wish to ponder this while contemplating the serious effort which is being made by the present Soviet leadership to combat inertia, incompetence and covertness.

There is, however, an important difference between Peter the Great and Mikhail Gorbachov. The former, having crushed opposition in the most brutal fashion, ruled autocratically; the latter is, for the foreseeable future, at most *primus inter pares*.

To attribute to him alone all the ideas and initiatives which have been emerging of late in the USSR might be unjust to his colleagues and advisers; but, conversely, as the highest ranking Soviet Communist Party official, he may well be the target of serious opposition, with which he neither could nor probably would wish to deal in the manner of a Peter the Great (or, coming nearer our own times, of a Stalin).

Yours etc,
MARCUS WHEELER,
The Queen's University of Belfast,
Department of Slavonic Studies,
Belfast, Northern Ireland.

Test-tube ruling

From the General Secretary of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales

Sir, May I reply to the two points raised by the Bishop of Birmingham in his letter to you (March 19).

Bishop Montefiore quite rightly draws attention to the importance in ecumenical dialogue of the patterns and exercise of authority in the different Christian Churches. This theme is central to the inter-church process, "Not Strangers but Pilgrims", at present taking place between 32 Churches in England, Scotland and Wales. This process, far from trying to avoid questions of authority, is trying to set them in the correct context of our understanding of the nature and purpose of the Church.

Secondly, as to the question of the Gift (gamete intra-fallopian transfer) process, some variations of the procedure may indeed contravene the principles put forward by the *Instruction on Human Life in its Origin and on the Dignity of Procreation*. But it was clearly stated at the Vatican press conference which launched this document that the Gift process itself was not necessarily being ruled out.

With every good wish,
Yours sincerely,
VINCENT NICHOLS,
General Secretary,
Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales,
39 Eccleston Square, SW1.
March 24.

Cornish choice

From Mr Michael Grosvenor Myer

Sir, Frank Johnson (March 24) reports the MP for St Ives as pronouncing "Cornish pasty" with a short *a*. How surprising that he should pronounce it at all. I have never met a Cornishman who would call the comestible in question anything but an oggy.

Yours truly,
MICHAEL GROSVENOR MYER,
34 West End,
Haddenham, Cambridgeshire.
March 24.

ON THIS DAY

MARCH 28 1887

This is believed to have been the only time an oar broke during the Boat Race. Two famous names opposed one another that day: S. Fairbairn at no 5 for Cambridge and, at no 2 for Oxford, G. Nickalls who won a gold medal rowing in the 1908 Olympics when he was over 40 years old

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THE UNIVERSITY BOAT RACE.

The spectators of the memorable finish of the Oxford and Cambridge Boat Race of 1886 who were on board the steamers accompanying the match of Saturday must have had the extraordinary incidents of Mr. Pitman's final and victorious rush of last April brought vividly to their recollection by the sudden and unlooked-for change which momentarily came over the aspects of a comparatively one-sided contest as this year's University crews emerged from the shadow of Barnes railway bridge — the one in close pursuit of and apparently overtaking the other until an unfortunate accident put an end to all further interest in the struggle. Now, as then, there was the unexpected rally of a seemingly beaten and demoralized crew and the incomprehensible and rapid improvement of position which electrified all beholders as the hindmost boat endeavoured to cut out the leading crew round the last bend in the river — an effort so well sustained and so terrifying to the heaviest gamblers on the result that, until the best man's oar in the Oxford boat broke in half and the pieces floated hopelessly astern, there was no certainty that the half-assured victory of Cambridge was not about to be jeopardized, if not snatched from them on the post.

. . . The Cambridge crew, who had won the choice of position, took the Surrey station, as it was not only to windward, but was the more sheltered of the two in passing through Crabtree Reach, with a diagonal wind blowing, though unquestionably the least advantageous from Chiswick to the finish.

. . . Mr. Lloyd then took up his position astern of and between the two eights, in the bows of the steam launch Wildfire, which had been used for coaching the Oxford crew, and on board which were several spare oars for each boat in case of a general smash up at Hammersmith-bridge. Over-jerseys, coats and comforters having been sent on board the launch, both crews prepared for the race, the course having been cleared of row-boats by the Conservancy officials . . .

. . . Passing the mile mark and Rosebank, where the time on the bow side of Oxford was more than indifferent, while Cambridge were rowing well together, the lead of the latter was still further increased, and rowing 35 strokes a minute they led by a length and a half off the Cran-tree . . . Cambridge passed Chiswick Church with a commanding lead of fully three lengths in 12 min. 30 sec., Oxford 10 sec. astern. In passing the Bull's Head, Oxford, rowing 37 strokes a minute, began to gain perceptibly, and they continued to improve their position though not by much as both boats were headed for the centre arch of Barnes-bridge, through which Cambridge passed with a lead of two-and-a-half lengths or thereabouts, in 17min. 8sec., Oxford some seven or eight seconds behind. Immediately the latter got under the bridge the coxswain pulled his right line and fetched his boat sharp in under the Middlesex shore while Cambridge were still going wide in the full force of the wind. This manoeuvre, aided by a brilliant and well-sustained spurt from the Oxford crew at 40 strokes a minute, in smoother water and over a shorter course, enabled them materially to reduce the gap which separated the boats, so that it is doubtful if a length of daylight divided the two. In the midst of the rally, and the consequent excitement of the spectators, one of the bow-side oars of the Oxford crew was observed to break, halfway between the bridge and the White Hart Hotel, and the crew were thrown into momentary disorder. It was at once discerned that the oar was that of No 7, the most important oar after the stroke. Pitching the broken pieces overboard, Mr. M'Lean continued to swing and to slide in unison with the rest of the crew but pursuit with seven oars was hopeless; and Cambridge, who steadily drew away after the occurrence, passed the flagpost above the Ship easy winners by three lengths and a half or thereabouts, in 20min. 52sec. from the time of starting . . .

Period return

From Mrs E. B. Gilson

Sir, Mrs Sarah Cardew's example of a 24-year period of school confiscation (March 23) is not the longest on record.

In 1983 while staying with a former pupil, I returned to him a diary confiscated from him by my late husband in 1938 — a confiscation period of 45 years.

Yours,
EILEEN GILSON,
Abbeylands,
Chudleigh, Devon.

From Mr J. L. Garson

Sir, In answer to Mrs Cardew's question I, from time to time, enjoy a game of liar dice with a set of dice confiscated while I was in a position of authority at one of the houses (no 4) at Malvern in 1945. Although I would be loath to give them up after 42 years, I will willingly return them to the previous owner should he read this letter.

Yours faithfully,
J. L. GARSON,
Hill Farm,
Elsfield, Oxford.

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
March 27: King Fahd of Saudi Arabia, with the Saudi Arabian Suite in attendance, left Buckingham Palace this morning upon the conclusion of the State Visit to The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron of the Royal Engineers Yacht Club, this afternoon performed the naming ceremony for a new yacht for the Club at Chatham, Kent.

His Royal Highness was received by the Commodore of the Club (Brigadier Neil Carlier).

Afterwards The Duke of Edinburgh, Colonel-in-Chief of the Intelligence Corps, visited the Intelligence Corps Depot and Centre at Templer Barracks, Ashford.

His Royal Highness was received by the Colonel Commandant (Major-General Charles Guthrie) and the Director (Brigadier M.P. Ford).

Major Anthony Mather was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
March 27: The Princess of Wales, President, Dr Barnardo's, this evening attended a Centenary Concert, in aid of the charity, at St David's Hall, Cardiff.

Her Royal Highness, attended by Miss Alexandra Loyd and Lieutenant-Commander Richard Aylard, RN, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

KENSINGTON PALACE
March 27: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon today visited Slough College of Higher Education and was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Berkshire (Colonel The Hon Gordon Palmer).

Her Royal Highness toured the College and later presented Awards to mark the twenty-fifth anniversary of the College.

The Hon Mrs Wills was in attendance.

Queen Ingrid of Denmark celebrates her birthday today.

Birthdays

TODAY: The Right Rev Dr C.K.N. Bardsley, former Bishop of Coventry, 80; Mr Dirk Bogarde, 66; Marjorie Countess of Brecknock, 87; the Hon George Bruce, portrait painter, 57; Professor Sir John Butterfield, Master, Downing College, Cambridge, 67; Mr Richard Eyre, director-designate, National Theatre, 44; Mr Robert Harris, actor, 87; Mr Peter Holwell, Principal, London University, 51; Lord Hutchinson of Lullington, QC, 72; Mr Frank Judd, director, Oxfam, 52; Mr Neil Kinnock, MP, 45; Mr Raymond Lister, artist and author, 68; Mr Martin Neary, master of music, Winchester Cathedral, 47; Mr Michael Parkinson, broadcaster, 52; Professor Merton Sandler, chemical pathologist, 61; Mr Richard Stilgoe, musician, 45.

TOMORROW: Mr Justice Beldam, 62; Mr Richard Rodney Bennett, composer, 51; the Earl of Bessborough, 74; Mr Jack Jones, CH, trades unionist, 74; Sir Ieuan Maddock, chairman, Fulmer Research Institute, 70; Mr Hugh Neill, Lord Lieutenant for South Yorkshire, 66; Sir John Paul, diplomat, 71; Sir John E. Read, chairman, TSB Group, 69; Mr Norman Tebbit, MP, 56; Sir John Vane, pharmacologist, 60.

Lincoln's Inn

Mr Chaim Herzog, President of Israel and a member of Lincoln's Inn, has been elected an honorary bencher of the inn.

Julia Neuberger

Needing the ministry of women

Rabbinic Judaism contains many pronouncements on the role of women, on their foolishness, on their virtues, on their faults. So does early Christianity, and some sayings are parallel while others diverge considerably.

Take, for instance, the often quoted passage from the New Testament: "A woman must be a learner, listening quietly with due submission. I do not permit a woman to be a teacher, nor must women domineer over man: she should be quiet". (1 Timothy 2: 11-12).

The obverse of that is to be found in the Mishnah: "Talk not overmuch with womankind. They said this of a man's own wife: how much more so with the wife of his fellow. Hence the sages say: He that talks overmuch with womankind brings evil upon himself, neglects the study of the Law, and will, in the end, inherit Gehenna." (Ethics of the Fathers 1:5).

Text after text can be adduced in both traditions to emphasise the point. Women are seen as temptresses in Christianity more than in Judaism, because the interpretation of the story of Adam and Eve is that of the fall from grace, caused by the temptress woman.

But women are seen as less public beings in Judaism, without a need to take part in public worship or public life. There is no tradition such as that of the women saints in Christianity. There was no route out of the assigned role of domestic endeavour.

The apologists for the low legal status of women in Judaism explain that when God created women, he took one facet of man's personality, *tseniut* (meaning humility or privacy), and developed it to the utmost in women. Hence women are more private people than men, and do not need the public domain to live their spiritual lives, as men do.

No shortage of spirituality was ascribed to women; they were simply denied equal legal status, equal opportunities in the synagogue, the right to teach, often the right to study, the right to be included in the ten (men) necessary to conduct a full service.

Indeed, much of the denial was based on a misunderstanding of the law. Judaism is partly a legal system of mitzvot, religious commandments. Traditionally there have been 365 commands that say "You shall do X", and 248 prohibitions.

The prohibitions applied to women and men, but the positive commandments were different. Women were exempt from those for which there was a fixed time, such as the saying of particular prayers. They were not originally excluded, but custom is of great power in Jewish circles, and tradition becomes as strong as the law. Exemption gradually became exclusion, and women's status diminished as their role became increasingly domestic.

Yet both Judaism and Christianity advocate the family, advocate the caring roles so closely associated with women's life patterns. In the present political and religious climate of enthusiasm for the traditional family, with the political left being knocked for its advocacy of non-traditional lifestyles, it is strange that the female role model, the family carer, has not been elevated to the highest echelons of all institutions, synagogues, churches, the judiciary, the police, the medical profession and newspaper editing.

If caring and family values are so high on our moral and political agendas, why are there so few women as role-models in the public world?

For women do have something special to bring to the churches and the synagogues. It is that enormous sense of responsibility for our dependents. Women do most of the child caring, most of the looking after elderly relatives, most of the housework in modern Britain. Those so called mundane concerns are always at the backs of our minds. We know what it is to deal with a sick child, an incontinent granny, a flooding washing-machine, and we develop administrative and personnel skills in caring for families better than anyone in industry.

That experience, and those values, are crucial to our synagogues and churches today if discussion about the decline of the family is to be taken seriously. The argument that women should be at home looking after the family will plainly fail, since most married women who work do so out of economic necessity. Let us use the example of our working women to hold up the value of the combination of working and looking after a family.

For they need the women's voice. It is not adequate to argue that the current campaign for the ordination of women has not properly comprehended the role of the minister of God. The argument seems, to this outsider at least, to be both about fear of women's advancement and about stereotyped roles for both sexes.

Let it be understood that women will no longer be silent. We wish to minister, alongside men, to the needs of Jews and Christians irrespective of sex. In the non-conformist churches it has happened for years. In progressive Judaism we have been around for 15 years. The earth has not opened up nor the heavens caved in. Our congregations have not diminished nor have those in our care perished. Perhaps we have something of value to offer, which the Church of England would do well to use.

The writer is rabbi of the South London Liberal Synagogue.

Sale room

£3.4m for private Italian collection

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

A collection of 2,500 Italian paintings formed in the late nineteenth century and not seen in public since then, attracted an army of Italian dealers to Christie's yesterday. It made a total of £3,488,375, where the auction house had been estimating about £1 million.

The collection was formed by Juan and Felix Bernasconi, two brothers from Argentina who made a fortune out of property in northern Italy at the turn of the century and became enthusiastic patrons of contemporary Italian art. The paintings had remained in the family and was sold by a descendant.

The family's favourite artist was Mose Bianchi, whose style mixes impressionism and Victorian genre. It bought more than 1,000 paintings, drawings and watercolours - probably securing the remaining contents of his studio on his death in 1904.

Christie's combined them into 114 lots, which sold for £2,280,410. The top price was £93,500 (estimate £8,000-£12,000) for a "Street Scene, Milan" with a study of a woman on the back of the canvas.

The museum of the city of Monza, Bianchi's birthplace, bought six lots, ranging from a watercolour of nuns at prayer at £2,200 (estimate £700-£1,000) to an oil "Street Scene with a Priest at a Stall" at £24,200 (estimate £3,000-£5,000).

Among the curiosities of this week's picture sales was the inclusion of two pictures in both Sotheby's and Christie's catalogues. The paintings were first taken into Sotheby's Cologne office by a Greek dealer and photographed in black and white just before the catalogue went to press - it was too late for colour.

He took them away again, saying he wanted to get them framed, and consigned them to Christie's Dusseldorf office, just catching the colour deadline. Christie's got £28,600 for "A Portrait of a Child" by Gysis (Christie's estimate £8,000-£10,000, Sotheby's £5,000-£7,000) and £13,200 for an Otero Venetian view (Christie's estimate £8,000-£12,000, Sotheby's £4,000-£6,000).

The Christie's sale was on Thursday afternoon and also scored a new auction price record for the Danish painter, Vilhelm Hammershoi, at £121,000 (estimate £50,000-£80,000). Hammershoi is best known for quiet, almost empty interiors. This painting depicted a view from the old Christiansborg in Copenhagen under snow, grey and white with no human being in sight. It was bought by the Umeda Gallery of Japan.

University news

Stirling
Mr John Beaumont has been appointed to a new ICL chair in applied manangement information systems.

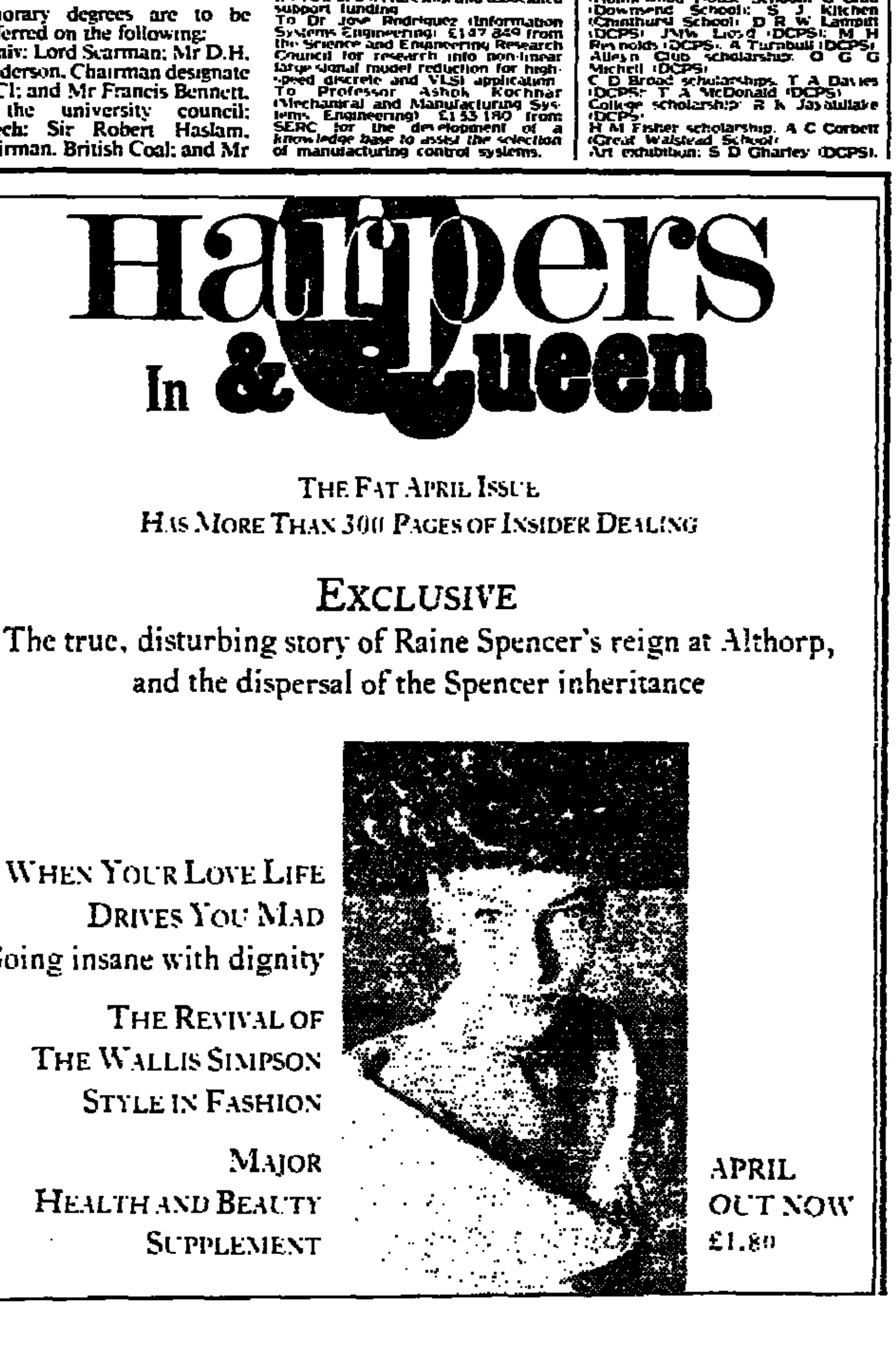
Brunel
Honorary degrees are to be conferred on the following:
DUniv: Lord Scarman; Mr D.H. Henderson, Chairman designate of ICI; and Mr Francis Bennett, of the university council; DTech: Sir Robert Haslam, Chairman, British Coal; and Mr Pehr G. Gyllenhammar, Managing Director of Volvo AB.

Bradford
Grants
Between the University (Professor Jack Cairns, Industrial Technology) and the Clothing and Allied Products Industry Training Board £107,000 for an extension over 5 years to cover the cost of a lectureship and associated support funding.
To Dr Jose Rodriguez (Information Systems Engineering) £147,849 from the Science and Engineering Research Council for research into non-linear large signal model reduction for high-speed discrete and VLSI application.
To Professor Ashok Kochhar (Mechanical and Manufacturing Systems Engineering) £153,180 from SERC for the development of a knowledge base to assist the selection of manufacturing control systems.

Dulwich College

The following awards have been made:

Academic and music scholarship: P D S Battley (Dulwich College Preparatory School (DCPS)).
Academic scholarships: E.J. Cetti (Holmewood House School), C Chiu (Downsend School); S J Kitchen (Chinthurst School); D R W Lampitt (DCPS); J M W Lloyd (DCPS); M H Reynolds (DCPS); A Turnbull (DCPS).
Alleyn Club scholarship: O G G Michell (DCPS).
C D Broad scholarships: T A Davies (DCPS); T A McDonald (DCPS).
College scholarship: R K Jayatillake (DCPS).
H M Fisher scholarship: A C Corbett (Great Walstead School).
Art exhibition: S D Gharley (DCPS).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Forthcoming marriages

The Hon P.C.H. Snow and Miss A.C. Whitmore
The engagement is announced between Philip, son of the late Lord and Lady Snow, of 39 Alderney Street, London, SW1, and Amanda, elder daughter of Sir Clive and Lady Whitmore, of East Sussex.

Mr J. Rosier and Miss S.A. Procter
The engagement is announced between John, youngest son of Air Chief Marshal Sir Frederick and Lady Rosier, of Llangollen, Clwyd, and Sally Ann, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs John C. Procter, of Morecambe, Lancashire.

Lieutenant Commander R.W. Bell Davis, RN and Miss M.E. Porter
The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Vice-Admiral Sir Lancelot and Lady Bell Davis, of Sarisbury Green, Hampshire, and Meagan, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Ross Porter, of Brisbane, Australia.

Mr M.J. Benson and Miss L. Voelcker
The engagement is announced between Martin James, son of Mr and Mrs Jeremy H. Benson, of Walpole House, Chiswick Mall, London, and Lucy, daughter of the late Professor John H.W. Voelcker and of Mrs Voelcker, of Bridge, Canterbury, Kent.

Mr R. Bentall and Mrs K.C. Allan
The engagement is announced between Rowan Bentall, of Broughton, Hampshire, and Kate Christina Allan, of Over Wallop, Hampshire.

Mr M.K. Brown and Miss J.A. Stutter
The engagement is announced between Martin, son of the late Mr A.C.F. Brown and Mrs G. Brown, of Whitstable, Kent, and Josephine, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Stutter, of Wandsworth Common, London.

Mr A.V.S. Friend and Dr J.K. Arnold
The engagement is announced between Adrian, eldest son of Mr and Mrs A.S. Friend, of Upton-upon-Severn, Worcestershire, and Jane, elder daughter of Dr and Mrs P. Arnold, of Poole, Dorset.

Mr J.M. Gyngell and Miss K.M.R. Crewdson
The engagement is announced between Julian Mark, elder son of Mr and Mrs Peter Gyngell, of St Ives, Sydney, New South Wales, and Katharine Margaret Rachel, daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Crewdson, of Much Hadham, Hertfordshire.

Mr A.B. Gentles and Miss K.M. Parsons
The engagement is announced between Bruce, son of Mr and Mrs Alexander Gentles, of Perth, Scotland, and Kate, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Norman Parsons, of Morpeth, Northumberland.

Mr A.J. Harrop and Miss S. Mortimer
The engagement is announced between Anthony, son of Mrs Mary Harrop and the late Mr Archie Harrop, of Sherborne, Dorset, and Susan, daughter of Mr and Mrs Philip Mortimer, of Halifax, West Yorkshire.

Mr M.C.N. Kirkbride and Miss S.H.M. Gilbert
The engagement is announced between Matthew, son of Mr T.G. Kirkbride and the late Mrs Diana Kirkbride, and Stepson of Mrs T.G. Kirkbride, of Spen Green Farm, Smallwood, Cheshire, and Sybella, only daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs E.R.F. Gilbert, of Bishopstone House, Herefordshire.

Mr M.F.H. Quintin-Archard and Miss J.E. Williams
The engagement is announced between Martin Francis Howell, son of Mr and Mrs Dennis Howell Quintin-Archard, of Walton-on-the-Naze, Essex, and Juliet Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Anthony Clive Williams, of Little Buckland, Gloucestershire.

Mr W.J.A. Robinson and Miss C.J. Parkes
The engagement is announced between Andrew, eldest son of Colonel and Mrs W.M. Robinson, of Farnham, and Carol, daughter of Mr and Mrs B. Parkes, of Ospringe.

Mr A.N. Thorne and Miss S. Hawthorne
The engagement is announced between Andrew, second son of Mrs J.K. Thorne and the late Mr P.A. Thorne, of Canterbury, Kent, and Susan, only daughter of Mr and Mrs W.L. Hawthorne, of Brisbane, Australia.

Mr A.M. Wilton-Steer and Miss A.M. Davies
The engagement is announced between Antony, younger son of Major Michael Wilton-Steer, of St Helens, Lancashire, and the late Mrs Sheila Wilton-Steer, of Penrith, Cumbria, and Anita Margaret, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs L.K. Davies, of Kenilworth, Warwickshire.

The marriage arranged between Mr David MacRobert and Miss Victoria Gibson will not take place.

Luncheon

Farringdon Ward Club
The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, accompanied by Alderman and Sheriff and Mrs Michael Graham, attended the annual civic luncheon of the Farringdon Ward Club held yesterday at Guildhall. Mr Laurie Grant, president, presided and the other speakers were Alderman Christopher Walford, patron, and the Lord Mayor. The Resident Governor and Keeper of the Jewel House, HM Tower of London, and Mrs MacLellan were among those present.

Service dinners

Intelligence Corps
The Duke of Edinburgh, Colonel-in-Chief of the Intelligence Corps, was present at the thirty-second annual dinner of the Intelligence Corps Officers' Dinner Club held at Templer Barracks, Ashford, Kent, last night. The other guests were Mr Robin Leigh-Pemberton, Lord Lieutenant for Kent, Lieutenant-General Sir Derek Boorman, Chief of Defence Intelligence, and Colonel G S.P. Carden, Chairman of the Greater London TAVRA. Major-General C.R.L. Guthrie, Colonel Commandant, presided and Brigadier M.P. Ford, was also present.

RN College, Greenwich
Commander T. Jones, Commander of RN College, Greenwich, presided at a dinner held last night at the college. General Sir Patrick Howard-Dobson, National President of the Royal British Legion, also spoke.

Honourable Artillery Company
Major R.H. Close Smith, Squadron Commander of 3 Squadron, Honourable Artillery Company, presided at the annual dinner held last night at Armoury House. Mr M.J. Cutteridge also spoke and Judge Sir David West-Russell and Major T. Lloyd Davies were the principal guests.

Royal Horse Artillery
Lieutenant-Colonel J.H. Lewin, Commanding Officer of the 7th Regiment, Royal Horse Artillery and Airborne Artillery, presided at a reunion dinner held last night at the RA Mess, Woolwich. Lieutenant-General Sir Michael Gray was the guest of honour.

RAF Support Command
Air Marshal Sir John Sutton and officers of RAF Support Command held a dinner last night at RAF Brampton to mark the retirement of Air Vice-Marshal T.P. White, Air Officer, Maintenance, and Air Officer Commanding, Maintenance Units, RAF Support Command. Group Captain R.A. Holman presided and the other guests were Air Marshal Sir William and Lady Richardson, Mrs T.P. White and Air Commodore and Mrs D.E. Leppard.

Marriage

Dr J.W. Collis and Mrs D.S. Mallam
The marriage took place on Friday, March 27, 1987, in Chichester, between Dr John William Collis and Mrs Doreen (Anna) Stewart Mallam, of Raughmere House, Lavant, Chichester.

OBITUARY

HERR EUGEN JOCHUM

Oustanding interpreter of the Classical and Romantic symphony

Eugen Jochum, one of the principal figures among the conductors of post-war Germany, died in Munich on March 26. He was 84.

A conductor of wide repertoire, he was outstanding in Beethoven, Brahms, Bruckner and Bach, as his recordings testify. And he combined depth of insight with a remarkable gift for drawing from an orchestra the interpretation he wanted.

Eugen Jochum was born at Babenhausen, in Swabia, on November 1, 1902, one of three brothers who all became well-known as conductors, though the reputations of Otto and Georg were largely confined to their own country.

Their father was a church musician, and from his earliest years Eugen's own musical studies occupied up to ten hours a day. One of his memories of a performance was for Lehár's *Merry Widow*, which his father directed in Babenhausen's tiny theatre.

He continued his studies at Augsburg Conservatory, and then went to Munich, where he took piano, organ and composition at the Academy of Music. His composition teacher told him he would not make a conductor, but Jochum had, by this time, made up his mind.

After getting a job as *répétiteur* at Munich State Opera, he persuaded the local authorities to let him conduct a concert. Press response to this was enthusiastic, and in 1926 he was appointed deputy conductor at the Kiel opera house. Within six weeks he was principal conductor, and he stayed at Kiel three years.

In this time he built up a repertoire of over 50 operas and greatly broadened his orchestral experience. After short spells at Mannheim and Duisburg, a widely acclaimed radio performance of Bruckner's Fifth Symphony secured him the job of music director for Berlin Radio in 1932. This carried with it association with the Berlin Philharmonic.

When the Nazis rose to power the following year, Jochum came under pressure to join the party. But he was fortunate. The principal conductorship of the Hamburg Opera fell vacant, and he was glad to accept the post.

In Hamburg, retaining some of the spirit of independence from its days as a Hanseatic state, Jochum managed to avoid the full rigours of Nazi scrutiny (Hitler visited the city only once during the war).

He was also able to keep his Jewish musicians, and to perform the works of composers elsewhere in Germany proscribed by Nazi edict - Hindemith, Stravinsky and Bartók.

When British forces captured Hamburg in 1945, there was no question of denazification being necessary in Jochum's case.

Earlier in the war, the Dutch had paid him a similar compliment. Mengelberg, the celebrated conductor of the Amsterdam Concertgebouw, had alienated audiences by his Nazi sympathies and the occupying authorities ordered his replacement by a German. Jochum, alone, proved acceptable to the Dutch, and he went on to forge enduring ties with the Concertgebouw.

In 1949 Jochum, yearning to return to his native south, accepted the post of musical director for Bavarian Radio. In those post-war years, the radio stations were the only organisations with much spare money for cultural activities, and he seized the chance to form and train the Bavarian Radio Symphony Orchestra, which he raised to international standard.

His reputation began to grow. He conducted Wagner at Bayreuth, and, from 1961 he was regular conductor of the Amsterdam Concertgebouw Orchestra. With this, he travelled all over Europe, went to Japan, and made his American debut.

In 1969 he took over the Bamberg Symphony Orchestra, and in 1975 was made chief conductor of the London Symphony Orchestra, which appointed him its conductor laureate in 1977-78.

Deeply respected in Germany for his Brahms and Bruckner performances (Hamburg awarded him its Brahms Medal) he increasingly impressed international audiences with the quality of his work, especially in the Classical and Romantic repertory.

He was above all attracted to Bruckner (he held the medal of the International Bruckner Society), wrote a number of thoughtful articles on Bruckner interpretation, and in the late 1960s made the first complete recording of the symphonies.

It was in Bruckner, especially, that his gifts were revealed: unsensational on the rostrum and quiet in manner, he could produce performances of glowing beauty and strength. He tended to avoid modern music.

He was an outstanding example of the line of German conductors who learnt their craft in the old, solid, traditional practice; and, while he was a fine trainer of orchestras in a varied repertoire, it was to the standard German symphonic works that he remained a loyal and distinguished servant.

He was married to Maria Montz.

MR HENRY LABOUISSE

Mr Henry Labouisse, who helped to set up the Marshall Plan in Europe, and was the head of Unicef from 1965, when the agency received a Nobel Prize, died in New York on March 25. He was 83.

A familiar figure in international cooperation, he played a leading role in American wartime and post-war aid programmes in Europe until 1954, when he spent four years as a director of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees.

Born in New Orleans, Labouisse went to Princeton and Harvard Law School and worked as a corporation lawyer in New York until 1941, when he joined the State Department, for war work.

From 1943 he was deputy director in the Office of Foreign Economic Coordination, and in 1944 went to Paris, where he started work on the first Marshall Plan.

For the next ten years he played an influential role in the work of economic aid to Europe, and was made head of the Marshall Plan organisation in 1953.

From 1954 to 1958 he had his first UN post, as director of the agency for Palestine refugees.

In this job, and later as consultant to the World Bank and, subsequently, as head of President Kennedy's US Aid Programme, he pondered, deeply, ways in which western industrialized nations might most effectively help the rest of the world.

At the head of Unicef, from 1965 to 1979, he tended to the belief - now increasingly becoming orthodoxy - that aid often had its optimum effect, not when handed to governments, but when it was made available at local level, where it could mobilize the creative spirit of a community.

Well into his seventies Labouisse travelled tirelessly, observing the effects of aid on small villages, in places as far apart as Peru and Senegal.

He is survived by his second wife, Eve, the youngest daughter of the pioneers of research into radioactivity, Marie and Pierre Curie, and by a daughter.

MR TOM LODGE

Mr Tom Lodge, CBE, the first head of the Home Office Research Unit, died on March 17, at the age of 77.

His early work on the collection and interpretation of criminal statistics was influential in setting in motion forces, which, during R. A. Butler's term as Home Secretary, began the Home Office's considerable investment in criminological research.

Tom Stewart Lodge was born on December 15, 1909. After graduating in maths from Oxford he went into insurance, and worked for the Prudential from 1941 to 1943.

For the latter part of the war he served in the Ministry of Aircraft Production, and afterwards went to the Admiralty for four years as superintending actuary, before going to the Home Office in 1950 as Statistical Adviser.

He was Director of Research and Statistical Adviser to the Home Office from 1957 until his retirement in 1973.

In these posts he was responsible for radical improvements in the production of criminal statistics, as well as for fostering criminological research, not only in the Home Office but at the universties, notably at the Cambridge Institute of Criminology.

During his directorship, the work of the Home Office Research Unit gained an international reputation, with the publication of work of fundamental theoretical importance in criminology, as well as of findings of shorter-term practicality.

He did much to encourage European research in the field, as a member of the Council of Europe Criminological Scientific Council, 1970-77 (chairman, 1975-77).

Lodge was modest in style, but his throw-away, humorous approach to his work, only enhanced the sense of knowing what he was doing that he communicated to those around him.

He had not been long in his job before Civil Service people ceased to regard him merely as a statistician, and began to admire him as a professional operating on policy matters relating to criminology, with assuranace and effectivness.

He married, in 1936, Joan McFadyean. She died in 1961. They had one daughter.

Latest wills

Viscount Lifford, of Hurley, Hampshire, left estate valued at £314,193 net.

Mrs Irene May **Bowen-Jones**, of Broadwindsor, Dorset, left estate valued at £4,500,340 net. She left her estate mostly to relatives and a god-daughter.

Mr Eric Ralph **Alexander**, of Woodham Walter, Essex, left estate valued at £1,005,447 net.

Sir Geoffrey Sydney **Todd**, of Midhurst, Sussex, medical superintendent of the King Edward VII Hospital at Midhurst, left estate valued at £151,834 net.

Mr Edward **Tarlton**, of Cherington, Gloucestershire, left estate valued at £1,104,347 net

Bradfield College

The following scholarship results are announced:
Academic awards:
The top scholarship has been awarded to J P A Ball (Cranleigh Preparatory School).
Other scholarships have been awarded to (in alphabetical order): W A Appleby, Elstree and Bradfield; A W Butler, Elstree; S J Garnett, Cothill; S J Gathercole, St Andrew's, Woking; D C S Haley, St Andrew's, Pangbourne; W S Kendall, Feltonfleet; J C Kingham, Lambrook; R T J May, Aldro; G W R Perrin, St Bede's, Eastbourne; A L Reeves, King's House; T D Saber, Summer Fields; P T Traill, Danes Hill and Bradfield; A R Walsham, Cothill; T M Webster, Monkton Combe Junior School; N M G Wilkinson, Hall Grove; A J Williams, Milbourne Lodge.
Music awards:
Music scholarships have been awarded to: R O I Barclay, Sussex House; J D Malia, New College School; J N M Stoughton, Hill House and Bradfield.

Rosebery School Epsom

Former staff and pupils of Rosebery and Epsom County Schools are invited to a triple anniversary reunion on July 3 and 4. For further information please telephone: Epsom 20439.

Queen Ethelburga's School

The following scholarships have been awarded for the academic year 1987/88:
11+ Entrance: boarding, Abigail Hemingway (Hogben)(St Roberts Roman Catholic Primary). Day girl, Michelle Barbour (Queen Ethelburga's Juniors); Fiona Pope (Queen Ethelburga's).
12+ Entrance: Hazel Wood, (Boston Spa Comprehensive).
13+ Entrance: Emma Rowlands, value of present scholarship has been increased.
Sixth Form: Evelyn Lucy Young memorial scholarship: Sharon Craggs; Brentwood scholarship: Marie Kiely; day girl scholarship: Lindsay Normanton, Sally Barraclough.

To mark the seventy-fifth anniversary of the school's foundation, the Council of Queen Ethelburga's announce a number of sixth form scholarships to be made available to candidates of suitable calibre not already in the school - value up to 50per cent of the fees. Apply to the Headmistress, Queen Ethelburga's School, Harrogate, North Yorkshire, for further details.

Durham School

The following Awards are announced for September 1987:
Kings scholarships: J.R. Valks (The Chorister School and Durham School); D.B.T. Roberts (Bow School and Durham School); M.A. Wallace (Hurworth House); P.A.H. Taylor (The Chorister School).
Exhibitions: J.K. Bell (Durham School); D. Parkin (Newcastle Preparatory School); A.M. Greig (Bow School).
Burkitt scholarships (for entry to the sixth form): Emma J. Armstrong (Fyndoune School, Sacriston); A.D. Deshpande (Hummersknott School, Darlington).
Music scholarships: N.A.C. Jennings (The Chorister School); N.A. Kell (Woodleigh School).
Music exhibition: K.P. Anderson (Hurworth House).
Art exhibition: N.A.C. Jennings (The Chorister School).
Exhibitions at 11: J.M. Emery (St Anthony's Montessori School).
Music exhibition at 11: P.W.H. Rowe (Sherburn Hill School).

All music scholars and exhibitioners receive free tuition on two musical instruments.

Appointments

Mr Keith MacInnes to be Ambassador to the Philippines, in succession to Mr R.J.T. McLaren, who will be taking up an appointment in London.

Mr Richard George May to be a circuit judge on the Midland and Oxford Circuit.

Rear Admiral Richard Heaslip to be Director-General of the English-Speaking Union.

Mr Geoffrey Harvey Kamil to be a stipendiary magistrate for the West Midlands from May 11.

Mr Michael McGowan, Labour MEP for Leeds, to be Chairman of the Development Committee of the European Parliament.

Miss Susan Hampton, Deputy Head, Kingsfield School, Kingswood, Bristol, to be Headmistress of the Red Maids' School, Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol, in succession to Miss Enid Castle, who has been appointed Principal of Cheltenham Ladies' College.

Mr Geoffrey H. Chipperfield, a Deputy Chief Executive of the Property Services Agency, to be a Deputy Secretary in the Department of Energy.

Mr Robert McConnell to be chairman of the board for the two special hospitals in Liverpool, Moss Side and Park Lane.

Mr James B. Hynds to be President of the Construction Surveyors' Institute.

Today's royal engagement

Princess Anne, President of the British Olympic Association, will attend a seminar at the Compleat Angler, Marlow Bridge, Marlow on Thames, 5.00.

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

Whoever will be great among you, shall be your minister; and whosoever of you will be the chiefest, shall be servant of all.
St. Mark 10 : 43,44

BIRTHS

BURTON - On March 3rd 1987 at Epsom, Surrey, to Alison (née Jenner) and Peter, a son, Andrew Peter William, a brother for James Edward Charles.

CADBURY - On March 23rd 1987, to Michelle (née Pearson Cooper) and Justin, a son, Rupert Justin Egbert.

CAIRNS - On March 26th, in Reading, to Sally (Née Sarah Hughes) and Colin, a daughter, Elizabeth Verity, sister for Andrew and Carolyn.

CAMERON - On March 14th 1987, to Dawn and Alastair, a daughter, Alexandra Holly.

CAMERON - On March 26th, in New York, to Patricia and Angus, a daughter Anna Nicola.

ERNEST-JONES - On March 19th 1987, to Julia (née Swain) and Terry, a son, Max.

GORDON - See Lesmoir-Gordon.

JONES - On March 23rd 1987, at the Royal Free Hospital, Hampstead, to Vanessa and Andrew, a daughter, Emily.

LESMOIR-GORDON - On March 25th, at The Aiku Hospital, Tokyo, to Claire (née Winterschladen) and Richard, a son.

LUCAS - On March 26th 1987, at St. Mary's, Paddington, to Belinda (née Mosely) and Timothy, a son, Toby David Henry Patrick.

PREST - On March 25th, at St.Mary's Hospital, Paddington, to Anthea (née Neal) and Nick, a daughter, Clementine Joy Chasey.

RICHARDSON - On March 22nd, at the Jersey Maternity Hospital, to Joanna (née Garfield Bennett) and Michael, a daughter.

ROBINSON - On February 10th, at Guys Hospital, to Anne (née Scott) and Michael, a daughter, Katherine Laura Scott, a sister for Nicholas, Alexander and Christopher.

ROTHENBERG - On March 26th 1987, to Pippa and Bob, a daughter, Joanna Hamilton, a sister for Katie and Simon.

RUSE - On March 23rd 1987, at The Royal Free Hospital, to Elaine and Michael, a son, Simon Luke, a brother for Victoria.

SHEPHERD - On March 23rd, to Judith and Andrew, a son, Alexander, a brother for Georgina and Jack.

SINDALL - On March 25th 1987, to Andrew and Elizabeth, a daughter, Harriet Eleanor, a sister for Thomas.

STEWART COX - On March 23rd, to Mary and Rupert, a daughter, Georgina Helen.

WEST - On March 6th 1987, to Sarah (née Ward) and Graham, a son, Christopher Graham.

WOOLLEY - On 20th March 1987,to Gabrielle (née Waller) and Christopher, a son, Robin Michael Maxwell.

MARRIAGES

DAVIS:VOKEY - On March 21st 1987, in Bromley Kent, Mr Martin Hugh Davis to Ms Catherine Love Vokey. Witnesses were Mr W Graham Frear and Mr Cliff J Land. Reception was held at Mays Hill Lodge.

ANNIVERSARIES

SMELLIE - NARLIAN The 56th wedding anniversary of Kingsley B Smellie, son of the late Mr & Mrs John Smellie and Stephanie, the daughter of Mr & Mrs A E Narlian which was held at St Johns, Paddington on March 28th 1931.

DEATHS

BURLISON - On March 23rd, peacefully at St. Andrews Convent, Edenbridge, Kent, Sheila (née Annesley), widow of Kit, beloved mother of Celia and John. Funeral at The Sacred Heart Church, Wadhurst, Sussex on Friday April 3rd at 11.30am. No flowers please. Donations, if desired, to St. Andrews Convent.

CHEAPE - On March 23rd 1987, David Ogilvy aged 80, peacefully in the Mignot Memorial Hospital, Alderney Channel Islands, late of St Andrews. Cremation in Guernsey March 30th.

CHEATLE - On March 27th, suddenly, G.A.L. (Tony), dearly loved husband, father and grandfather. At his particular request, there will be no funeral or memorial service. Donations, if desired, to the RAF Benevolent Fund.

GORE - On March 26th 1987, Jane of Aldeburgh, Suffolk, suddenly in Ipswich hospital, beloved wife of Basil and dear mother of Timothy and Michael, and grandmother of Charlotte and Harry. Thanksgiving Service at Aldeburgh Parish Church on Tuesday March 31st at 12 noon. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to The Friends of Aldeburgh Cottage Hospital, Park Road, Aldeburgh, Suffolk.

COX - On March 20th, at Brompton Hospital, London, Jean, widow of Frank, after years of ill health, borne with great courage, much loved mother of Stephen, mother-in-law of Marian and Grandma of Emily, Matthew, Anna, Rachael and Dominic. Cremation at Guildford on Thursday April 2nd, at 3pm. No flowers. Donations please to British Heart Foundation.

DUNBAR - On March 24th 1987, after a short illness, William Henry George, of Kilconzie, OBE; TD, Lt. Col., lately R.A., aged 93 years, of 'Greenways', Oxenden Sq., Herne Bay, Kent. Beloved husband of Irene, father of Graham and Audrey, grandfather of Andrew and Janet. Funeral service at Canterbury Cathedral on April 9th 1987 at 11am, to be followed by cremation at Barham Crematorium. No flowers, but donations, if desired, to the 'Cathedral Music Fund', c/o The Accountant, 11 The Precincts, Canterbury.

FIELD - On March 27th 1987, peacefully at home, 2 Oakdene Place, Scone, Perth, Robert B Field, dearly beloved husband of Patricia (née Cosgrove), and dear brother of Jack and Mary.

GILL - On March 26th, in the Royal Hampshire County Hospital, Winchester after a long illness so bravely and cheerfully borne, Stephen Samuel, adored husband of Diana, much loved father of John and Jane, father-in-law of Janet and grandpa to Rupert and Charlotte. Cremation private, no flowers. Memorial service at a later date.

HART - On March 13th 1987, at 69 Wickham Avenue, Bexhill-on-Sea, aged 83, Lt. Cdr. Leonard George Richard (Punch), dear husband of Kay, father of Patricia, Shirley, Michael and Leonora. Affectionately remembered by his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

JUPE - On March 28th 1987, at home, Violet Rhona (Vi), (née Palmer), widow of Alan. Much loved by her family and many friends. Service at Christchurch, Clifton, on Thursday April 2nd, at 11.30 am, followed by interment at Winscombe. Family flowers only; and please no letters.

KELLY - On March 26th, peacefully at 17 The Boltons, Kensington, Laurence Patrick, beloved husband of the late Hilda and father of Diana (Baty), Michael and Ann (Richard). Enquiries Tel: 01 741 3333.

KENNY - On March 25th, suddenly at his home in Dublin, The Honourable Mr. Justice John Kenny, (formerly of The Irish Supreme Court).

LAWS - On March 26th, peacefully after bearing her illness with determined courage and cheerfulness, Grania Joan. Funeral Service Tuesday March 31st, 2.30pm at St John's Church, Churchill. No flowers. Donations if wished to the Bristol Cancer Help Centre, Grove House, Cornwallis Grove, Clifton, Bristol.

LORD - On March 26th 1987, peacefully following a stroke, Stanley Reginald, D.C., N.D. Husband of Gillian, father of Amanda and Simon. Private cremation. Donations, if desired, to Quaker Peace and Service (Relief), c/o Rowland Son and Vincent, Petersfield.

MACFARLANE - On March 26th, Professor Robert Gwyn FRS, aged 79, suddenly at his home in Rossshire, beloved husband of Hilary and father of Susan, Robert, Jay, Donald and Richard. Funeral at 1.00pm at St Maelrubha church Poolewe.

MITCHELL-CARSE - On Thursday evening 26th March 1987, at home in Reigate, William 'Bill' Mitchell-Carse CBE formerly H.M Consul-General, Sao Paulo, Brazil. Beloved husband of the late Helen and father of Ronald. Requiem mass on Monday 30th March at The Church of The Holy Family, Yorke road, Reigate at 10.00am.

MITCHELL - On March 27th 1987 Alice Lucas Jones, of 7 Huntly Cottages, Aboyne, Aberdeenshire Widow of Angus Mitchell, architect. Dearly loved by her daughters Margaret and Helen and their families. Funeral service at Holyrood Chapel, Newburgh on Monday March 30th, at 11am.

MOORE - On Monday 23rd March 1987, peacefully, Richard (Blues) of Blueprint, 4 Cowcross Street, Smithfield. Service at Lambeth Crematorium, Blackshaw Road Tooting, SW17, at 3pm Monday 30th March. Flowers will be received at J.E. Gillman and Sons Ltd, 971 Garratt Lane, Tooting, SW17 0LW (Funeral Directors).

ROBBINS - On March 28th 1987, Peter George Derek, much loved husband of Eileen and father to Helen and Richard. A service will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Sutton Coldfield at 2.30pm Thursday 2nd April, followed by a private cremation at Sutton Coldfield Crematorium. No flowers please, donations if desired to Birmingham Settlement, 318 Summer Lane, Birmingham 19.

WALLIS - On March 26th 1987, peacefully in Winchester, after a long illness, Geoffrey Allan (Pug). Cremation private. No flowers or letters please.

WETHERLEY-MEIN - On March 24th 1987, suddenly Professor Gordon Wetherley-Mein M.D., F.R.C.P., F.R.C. Path. Dearly loved husband of Elizabeth and father of Colin and Karen. Family funeral only at All Saints Church, Ockham, on Tuesday March 31st at 2.30pm. No flowers please but if desired donations to The St Thomas' Hospital Leukaemia Research Fund, c/o Dr. Brian Creamer, St Thomas' Hospital, Lambeth Palace Road, London, SE1. Memorial service to be announced at later date.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

BUTLER - A service will be held at 2.00pm on Wednesday April 29th at Bath Abbey to give thanks for the lives of Lieutenant Colonel James Butler and Pamela Butler. Donations to King Edward VII Hospital for Officers, c/o Miss Waghorn, Trustee Department, Grindlays Bank, 13 St. James' Square, London SW1.

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

COE - *Pauline Marie, died 28th March 1979. Still alive in our hearts. Mum, Michele and Uti.*

ENTWISLE - Leslie and Pamela. Steadfastly and lovingly remembered by E.B.S.

Services tomorrow

Fourth Sunday n Lent

ANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC ligh Altar); 9.30 M. St Anselm: 11 S uch (Quire). Missa super Bella mfitrit Altera (Lassus). Ave Maria oulenc). Ven A M P Smith: 3.15 E. esponses (Lumsden). (Wood in E). Vho hath believed our report? urcell); 4.15 Holy Baptism, crypt: .30 ES. Rev R J C Lloyd.

ORK MINSTER: 8, 8.45 HC; 10.15 S uch (ASB). (Sumsion in F). Almighty nd everlasting God (Gibbons). Rev arbara Harrison; 11.30 M. Benedi ite (Harris in A). Jubilate (Stanford in flat); 4 E. Short Service (Gibbons). ery Rev John Southgate.

T PAUL'S CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 0.30 SM. Benedicite (Jackson in G). enedictus (Moore): 11.30 SC. (Schu ert in G). God so loved the world Stainer); 3.15 E. (Noble in B minor). I vaited for the Lord (Mendelssohn). ev Gillian Beck.

VESTMINSTER ABBEY: 8 HC; 10.30 M. (Britten in E). O harken thou Elgar). Rev A Harvey; 11.40 HC; 15 (Bairstow in D). Expectans xpectavi (Wood). Rev A Christian: .30 Rev K Slack.

OUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: 9 HC: 1 Euch. Missa Brevis (Mozart in D). Ave Verum (Mozart). Plainsong. anon J Cox: 3 E. (Stanford in C). Great Lord of Lords (Gibbons). Canon Parrott.

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL: 7, 8, 9, 12, 5.30, 7 LM: 10.30 HM. Missa Laudate Dominum' (Lassus). Laudate Dominum (Tallis). Salvator mundi Palestrina): 3.30 V.

ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL, Southwark. 8, 10, 12.15, 6 LM: 11 HM. Missa Pontificalis (Perosi). Ave Maria Goller). Fr Peter Clark.

CHAPEL ROYAL, St. James's Palace: 8.30 HC: 11.15 MP. The Lord is my shepherd (Wills). Canon J.S.Robertson.

QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY, WC2: 11.15 M. Benedicite (Dyson in F). The Lord is my shepherd (Stanford). Canon P.W. Ball: 12.30 HC.

ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE CHAPEL, Greenwich, SE10: Choral Euch. Behold how good and joyful (Clarke-Whitfeld). The Spirit of the Lord (Elgar). Rev I Owers.

GUARDS CHAPEL, Wellington Barracks, SW1: 11 Choral M. The Chaplain: 12 HC.

LINCOLN'S INN CHAPEL: 11.30 MP. Tommorrow shall be my dancing day (John Gardner). Rev F.V.A.Boyse.

TOWER OF LONDON, EC3: 9.15 HC: 11 M. Benedictus (Byrd). Out of the deep (Giles). The Chaplain.

TEMPLE CHURCH, Fleet Street, EC4: 8.30 HC: 11.15 MP. O most merciful (Wood). Responses (Ayleward). Benedicite (Sumsion in D). Benedictus (Thalben-Ball in C). Cast me not away (Wesley). The Master.

ST CLEMENT DANES (RAF Church) WC2: 8.30, 12.15 HC: 11 M. MP & RAF Anniversary Service. To my humble supplication (Holst). Rev J.H.Wilson.

CHAPEL ROYAL, Hampton Court Palace: 8.30 HC: 11 M. (Vaughan Williams in G). Mine eyes for beauty pine (Howells). Rt Rev Mervyn Stockwood: 3.30 E. All my hope (Howells). (Stanford in G). Like as the hart (Howells).

ALL HALLOWS BY THE TOWER: 11 S Euch. The Layman Prays.

ALL SAINTS, Margaret Street, W1: 8, 5.15 LM: 11 HM. Missa Solemnis in C (Mozart). O pray for the peace (Howells). The Vicar: 6 E & B (Watson in E). Lord let me know mine end (Greene). Preb A.E.J.Foster.

ALL SOULS, Langham Place, W1: 9.30 HC; 11, Rev R Bewes: 6.30, Rev K Swithinbank.

CHELSEA OLD CHURCH, Old Church Street, SW3: 8, 12 HC: 10 Children's Service: 11 M, Rev C K Hamel Cooke: 6 E. Preb Leighton Thomson.

CHRIST CHURCH, CHELSEA, SW3: 8 HC: 11 Parish HC. Rev S Acland.

GROSVENOR CHAPEL, S Audley Street: 8.15 HC: 11 S Euch. Collegium Regale Communion Service (Howells). Salvator Mundi (Blow). Rev R Buck.

HOLY TRINITY, Brompton Road, SW7: 8.30 HC (1662): 11 Mothering Sunday Family Service. Rev N.G.P.Gumbell: 6.30 ES. Preb J.T.C.B.Collins.

HOLY TRINITY, Prince Consort Road, SW7: 8.30 & 12.05 HC: 11 Choral MP. Rev M Israel.

HOLY TRINITY, Sloane Street, SW1: 8.30, 12.10 HC: 10.30 S Euch. Canon Roberts.

ST BARTHOLOMEW THE GREAT, Smithfield, EC4: 9 HC: 11 M. Hide not thou thy face (Farrant). Responses (Morley). Benedicite (Shaw). Benedictus (Turle). My God why has thou forsaken me (Blow). The Rector: 6.30 E & Baptism. Hide not thy face (Farrant). Plain song and Fauxbourdons (Morley). Agnus Dei (Morley). Responses (Morley). The Rector.

ST BRIDE'S, Fleet Street, EC4: 11 M & Euch. Benedicite (Sumsion in D). Communion setting (Sumsion in F). Canon J Oates: 6.30 E. Responses (Plainsong). Magnificat & Nunc Dimittis (Tallis). Salve sancta parens (Byrd). Ave Maria (Stravinsky). Ave Maria (Schubert).

ST CUTHBERT'S, Philbeach Gardens SW5: 10 HC: 11 S Euch. The Lord's my shepherd (Harwood in D). Rev Fr Bill: 6 E & B.

ST CYPRIAN'S, Clarence Gate, NW1: 8 LM: 10.30 M: 11 HM. Fr D White.

ST GEORGE'S, Hanover Square, W1: 8.30 HC: 11 S Euch. 4-Part Mass (Byrd). Ave Verum (Elgar). The Rector.

ST GEORGE'S, 7 Little Russell St, WC1: 10 Parish C: 6.30 E.

ST JAMES'S, Muswell Hill, N10: 8 HC: 11 Family Service. Rev M Bunker: 6.30 EP, Rev G Rowlandson.

ST JAMES'S, Piccadilly, W1: 8.30 HC: 11 S Euch: 6 EP.

ST JAMES'S, Sussex Gardens, W2: 8 HC: 10.30 S Euch. Missa ad imitationem (Lassus). Rev J Haselock: 6 E. (Murrill in E). The Wilderness (Wesley). Rev D Perkin.

ST JOHN'S WOOD CHURCH, St John's House, NW8: 8 HC: 9.30 Parish C: 11 S Euch. (Darke in A minor). Ave Maria (Parsons). The Vicar: 6.30 E. The Vicar.

ST LUKE'S, Chelsea, SW3: 8, 12.15 HC: 10.30 S Euch. Rev N Weir: 6.30 E. Canon A Harvey.

ST MARGARET'S, Westminster, SW1: 8.15, 12.15 HC: 11 M. Rev M Thompson.

ST MARK'S, Regent's Park Road, NW1: 8 HC: 10.30 Parish Euch (Gibbons in F). Ave Verum (Elgar). Rev J Witheridge.

ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS, WC2: 8, 9.45 HC. Rev S Roberts: 11.30 MP. Rev P Chester: 2.45 Chinese Service: 4.15 E. Preces & Responses (Rose). Fourth evening service (Batten). Ave regina (DuFay): 6.30 EP. Rev N McCurry.

ST MARY ABBOTS, Kensington, W8: 8, 12.30 HC: 9.30 S Euch. Sister Gerd: 11.15 M (1662). Sister Gerd: 6.30 E. Lenten Music.

ST MARYLEBONE, Marylebone Road, W1: 8, 11 HC. Rev D Head. Jugendmesse (Haydn). Cantique de Jean racine (Faure): 6.30 E. Rev C.K.Hamel Cooke.

ST MICHAEL'S, Chester Square, SW1: 8.15 HC: 11 Family Service. Rev D.C.L.Prior: 7.30 Informal evening service.

ST MICHAEL'S, Cornhill, EC3: 11 Choral Euch (1662). Whitlock in G. Jesu, the very thought (Bairstow).

ST PAUL'S, Wilton Place, SW1: 8, 9 HC: 11 Solemn Euch. Kleine orgelsolo messe (Haydn). My beloved spake (Thomas Tomkins). Hymn to the Virgin (Britten). Rev R Blakeley.

ST PETER'S, Eaton Square, SW1: 8.15 HC: 10 Family Mass: 11 SM. St Peter's School Mass (Cayless). O Lord increase my faith (Gibbons). Rev D B Tillyer.

ST SIMON ZELOTES, Milner Street, SW3: 8 HC: 11 MP. Benedictus (Elgar). Ave Maria (Stravinsky). Dss A Pearce: 6.30 EP. Magnificat (Noble in B minor). Ave Maria (Rachmaninov). Preb J Pearce.

ST STEPHEN'S, Gloucester Road, SW7: 8, 9 LM: 11 HM. Missa in nomine absconditio (Lassus). Rev G Morgan: 6 Stations of the Cross & B.

THE ANNUNCIATION, Bryanston Street, W1: 10.15, Stations of the Cross: 11 SM. Missa Dixit Maria (Hassler). Adoramus Te Christe (Lassus): 6 LM & B.

ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Pont Street, SW1: 11 Rev W A Cairns: 6.30 Rev J H Burns.

CROWN COURT CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Covent Garden, WC2: 11.15, 6.30 Rev K G Hughes.

THE ASSUMPTION, Warwick Street, W1: 8, 10, 12, 4, 6 LM: 11 SM. Missa quo abiit dilectus tuus (Manchicourt). Lamentations of Jeremiah, part I (Tallis).

FARM STREET, W1: 7.30, 8.30, 10, 12.15, 4.15, 6.15 LM: 11 HM.

THE ORATORY, Brompton Road, SW7: 7, 8, 9, 10, 12.30, 4.30, 7 LM: 11 HM. Missa Laetatus sum (Victoria): 3.30 V. Laetare Jerusalem (Vidana).

ST ETHELDREDA'S, Ely Place: 11 SM. Missa tempore Quadragesimae (Haydn). Ave verum (Mozart).

CHURCH OF OUR LADY, Lisson Grove, St Johns Wood :10.45, Missa Sopra L'Aria Della Monica (Frescobaldi). Timor et Tremor (Lassus).

OUR LADY OF VICTORIES, Kensington High Street, W8: 8, 9, 10, 12.30, 6.30 LM: 11 HM. Missa Festiva (Gretchaninov). Civitas sancti (Byrd).

AMERICAN CHURCH IN LONDON, W1: 11 Rev Ron F Allison.

CITY TEMPLE, Holborn, EC1: 11, 6.30, Rev E Waugh.

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HINDE STREET METHODIST CHURCH, W1: 11, Rev K Howcroft: 6.30 Rev L Griffiths.

KENSINGTON URC, Allen Street, W8: 11, Dr K Slack: 6.30, Dr R Latham.

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WESLEY'S CHAPEL, City Road, EC2: 11, Rev Dr R C Gibbons.

WESTMINSTER CHAPEL, Buckingham Gate,SW1: 11, 6.30 Rev Dr R T Kendall.

WESTMINSTER MEETING SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (Quakers), 52 St Martins La WC2: 11, Meeting for worship.

Science report

Putting heat into the electric car campaign

By Keith Hindley

A new record for the distance travelled by an electric vehicle on a single charge of a battery has been claimed using a lithium-iron-sulphide battery, delivering the equivalent of 205 miles of stop-and-go city driving.

The new battery was developed specifically to power vans and cars by the Argonne National Laboratory of the US Department of Energy, near Chicago.

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Anniversaries

Today

BIRTHS: Raphael, Urbino, Italy, 1483; St Teresa of Avila, Spain, 1515; George I, reigned 1714-27, Osnabrück, Germany, 1660; Thomas Clarkson, abolitionist, Wisbech, Cambridgeshire, 1760; Aristide Briand, 11 times Premier of France 1906-32, Nantes, 1862; Corneille Heymans, physiologist, Ghent, 1892.

DEATHS: Virginia Woolf, writer, Rodmell, Sussex, 1941; Sergei Rachmaninoff, composer, Beverly Hills, California, 1943; Dwight Eisenhower, general and 34th president of the US 1953-61, Washington 1969.

Tomorrow

BIRTHS: John Tyler, 10th President of the US (1841-45), Charles City County, Virginia, 1790; Sir Edwin Lutyens, architect, 1869.

DEATHS: Emmanuel Swedenborg, scientist and philosopher, London, 1772; Charles Wesley, hymn writer, London 1788; Maria Fitzherbert, wife of George IV, Brighton, 1837; John Keble, theologian, Bournemouth 1886; Georges Seurat, painter, Paris, 1891; Sir Charles Stanford, composer, London, 1924; Robert Falcon Scott, Arctic explorer, 1912.

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No. 001105 of 1987
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IN THE MATTER OF BLUE ARROW
PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
- and -
IN THE MATTER OF
THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on the 9th day of March 1987 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the cancellation of the Share Premium Account of the above-named Company.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said petition is directed to be heard before the Honourable Mr. Justice Vinelott at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL on Monday the 6th day of April 1987.

ANY Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said cancellation of Share premium Account should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Council for that purpose.

A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same

DATED this 28th day of March 1987.

Allen & Overy
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Solicitors for the said Company

TRUSTEE ACTS

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to s27 of the TRUSTEE Act, 1925 that any person having a CLAIM against or an INTEREST in the ESTATE of any of the deceased person's whose names, addresses and descriptions are set out below is hereby required to send particulars in writing of his claim or interest to the person or persons mentioned in relation to the deceased person concerned before the date specified after which date the estate of the deceased will be distributed by the personal representatives among the persons entitled thereto having regard only to the claims and interests of which they have had notice.

WISHART PETER GREIG of Crombie Ward, Nelson Hospital, Kingston Road, London, SW19 formerly of 17 Stonehouse Lane, Coventry, Warwickshire died on 24th November, 1984. Particulars to Matthew Trackman & Co., Solicitor(s) of St. George's House, 61-65 Conduit Street, London, W1R 9FD before 29th May 1987.

FITZGEORGE-PARKER, MARJORIE PETHYBRIDGE of Trelinney, 75 Kings Hill, Bude, Cornwall, died on 6th December 1986; particulars to Amery-Parkes & Co., Solicitors, 1034 Alcester Road South, Maypole, Birmingham before 29th May 1987.

BOWLBY, The Honourable Mrs Penelope Isobel of the Manor, Healing, Lincolnshire died on 7 February 1987. Particulars to Kingsley Napley, 107/115 Long Acre, London WC2E 9PT Solicitor(s) of the Executors before 29th May 1987.

HURST, MISS VIOLET EMILY HELEN of 16c The Waldrons, Croydon, Surrey died on 1st April 1986. Particulars to Gray Marshall & Campbell Solicitor(s) of 19 Park Street, Croydon, Surrey CR0 1YD before 1st June 1987.

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Figures on Aids 'just a guess'

By Thomson Prentice
Science Correspondent

Government estimates of the number of people infected with the Aids virus are based on figures "completely made up" by researchers, one of the specialists involved has said.

The figure of about 40,000 cases frequently quoted by Government ministers, is meaningless, Dr Jonathan Weber said.

He and colleagues at St Mary's Hospital, Paddington, were asked three years ago for an estimate by Department of Health officials.

"We just thought of a number, and I now see that enshrined in large statements from the DHSS and the Government as if it had some basis in reality. It's just a number, it could have been anything", Dr Weber says in the television programme, *Link*, broadcast tomorrow afternoon.

Yesterday Dr Weber, of the Institute of Cancer Research in London, said: "At the time there were about 300 or 400 cases of Aids in Britain and researchers believed that for every case there were likely to be about 100 others infected.

"That's how we came up with 40,000. We had no real idea then any more than we have now of the true situation. That is why we are convinced it is essential to find out exactly how widespread the infection is among the population. Some form of screening system is necessary to get an accurate picture."

The Department of Health acknowledged yesterday that there was no certainty of the numbers infected.

The popular figure of 40,000 cases was not based exclusively on the estimate provided by Dr Weber

The figure could be as high as 100,000, according to a study published in the scientific journal *Nature* on Thursday.

Yesterday the House of Commons gave an unopposed third reading to the Aids (Control) Bill, which places a statutory responsibility on regional and district health authorities and Scottish health boards to produce detailed annual reports on Aids statistics in their areas.

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Nasa warns of fuel poison in rocket wreck

Cape Canaveral (Reuter) – Nasa, warning people yesterday to stay away from wreckage of a destroyed Atlas-Centaur rocket, said some debris washing ashore could contain highly poisonous substances.

Engineers sifted through computer data to determine whether a lightning strike destroyed the unmanned military rocket and its communications satellite less than a minute after launching on Wednesday.

Mr Dick Young, a Nasa spokesman, said wreckage may contain hydrozene, a highly toxic fuel used for steering the satellite into orbit.

Trail of destruction as gales sweep South

Three men died when a tree crashed on their minibus near Banstead in Surrey as they drove to work yesterday. A fourth man was taken to hospital after being cut free by firemen

Ten killed in 100mph storms

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who was trying to clear a landslip caused by rain on a building site at Edington, near Westbury. Police said that he was engulfed by tons of earth after a second slide.

Three other men were killed when their van was hit by a tree near Banstead in Surrey and a lorry driver died when his vehicle was blown into the path of another heavy truck on the A5 between Shrewsbury and Telford in Shropshire.

Mr William Smith, from Cheltenham, aged 55, died when wind dashed his 90cc motorcycle against the parapet of Staverton Bridge, Staverton.

Off Cornwall, a crewman was listed as missing, presumed drowned, after he was swept into the sea from a French trawler.

A number of sporting fixtures were called off including racing at Newbury, because of high winds, and today's meeting at Hexham, because the ground is waterlogged.

The winds forced closure of the Severn Bridge to traffic and pedestrians, only the second time in its 20 year history.

The gales brought down power lines in Cornwall, Devon, Somerset and Gloucestershire.

In Newport, Gwent, 40,000 homes were without electricity after a pile-driving rig toppled and tore down 132,000 volt overhead lines.

In the Channel, storm force winds forced cancellation of hovercraft services and ferries were disrupted as coastal shipping sought shelter.

At Cardington, Bedfordshire, 90 mph winds damaged two £3 million airships.

The 100 foot high Victorian spire of St Jame's Church, Waresly, Cambridgeshire, was demolished by a gust which picked up and threw it into a car park.

However, the wind and rain are forecast to ease today as calmer weather moves in from the west.

The roof of the Central Criminal Court was damaged and a steeplejack, Mr David Heskins, had to repair copper sheeting.

The West Country was badly hit, with cars buried by collapsed houses at Bedminster, Bristol (above). Roofs were torn from classrooms at St Joseph's School, Exmouth.

Several lorries were blown over by gale-force winds on the A40 at Hazleton, near Cheltenham. (Photograph: Graham Wood)

Monday

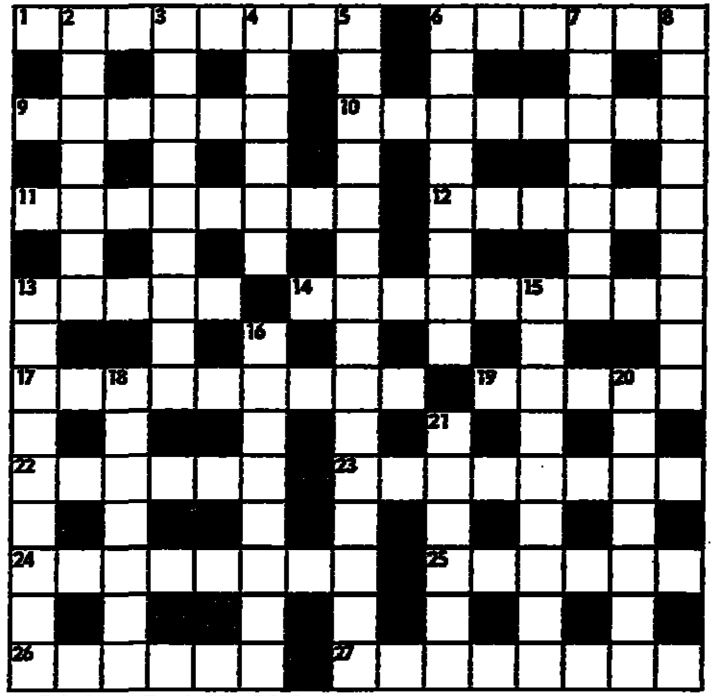
Runcie talks to Levin

The Church of England is in a state of transition, trying to resolve many moral dilemmas in an increasingly secular society, one which is beset by problems of lawlessness, sexual licence and the growing scourge of Aids.

- On Monday, in a wide-ranging discusion with Bernard Levin, The Archbishop of Canterbury talks of his fears for the nation and his hopes for moral resurgence.
- Dr Runcie calls on homosexuals to "strengthen their ability to cope" and so "reduce the destructive consequences" of their actions.
- He speaks of the "loss of truth", of a technological society less personal in its relationships, less caring of its neighbours.
- He rejects any return to the teaching of absolute standards, with its tendency to bring about obedience through fear.
- But he calls for the rediscovery of the "moral energy" which marked the Victorian era.

The Times on Monday

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17,316



ACROSS

1 One embracing a decisive argument (8).
6 Soft, easily digested pickle (6).
9 Doctor has done with cattle-dealer (6).
10 Look after gloomy mouse (5,3).
11 Row, with no one backing a lowly worker (8).
12 At home with Prime Minister's family (2-4).
13 Martyred saint has been buried (5).
14 Lout never disposed to offer his services . . . (9).
17 . . . he is forced into the army, and fell (9).
19 Press-gang (5).
22 Loom – people need one (6).
23 Delights in opponents' intrigues (8).
24 Two pegs given to man averse to drinking (8).
25 It's tricky to move your head (6).
26 A relation puts us . . . (6).
27 . . . in the money – we will quarrel (4-2-2).

DOWN

2 It's likely, at the outside, two states are enthusiastic (7).
3 Book matches – they're a new departure (9).
4 Island – it is appropriate for one seeking seclusion (6).
5 Bill for wood gone astray – one of his tricks? (5,10).
6 An element, originally arsenic, can appear in fruit (8).
7 Rising European, immersed in work, making a bomb (7).
8 Walk about certainly of value (9).
13 Making up catches, I'm following a plan (9).
15 During race, mistake is one to inspire dread (9).
16 Change of heart with number 22 (8).
18 Chap given money for listening to a poem (7).
20 Crushed fabric (7).
21 Girl who distributed medals (6).

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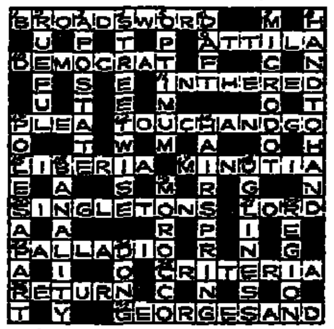

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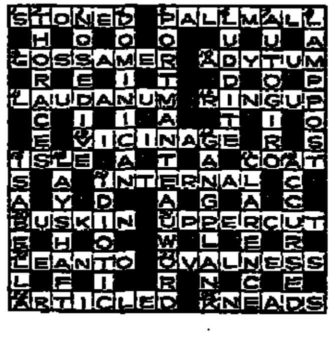

A prize of The Times Concise Atlas of the World *will be given for the first five correct solutions opened next Thursday. Entries should be addressed to: The Times, Saturday Crossword Competition, PO Box 486, Virginia Street, London E1 9DD. The winners and solution will be published next Saturday.*

The winners of last Saturday's competition are: Miss L Horsman, Linstead Farm, Cratfield, Halesworth, Suffolk; Mrs P Morris, Ach Na Mara, Gullane, East Lothian; Mrs A Harris, Victoria Ave, Eccles, Manchester; J C Hearn, St Keyna Rd, Keynsham, Bristol; G S Minto, Allen Mansions, Allen St, London.

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WEATHER

Most of Scotland and Northern Ireland will start cloudy, with heavy rain. Bright weather over western Scotland will push the prolonged rain out of the way, but the showers will turn wintry, with sleet and snow. The rest of the country will have blustery showers and strong winds with some dry and bright spells. Outlook: Cold with wintry showers on Sunday, giving way to less cold, but cloudy conditions.

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	1.1	.01	11	52	dull
Bridlington	0.5	.01	11	52	cloudy
Cromer	1.8	.02	13	55	shower
Lowestoft	1.2	-	13	55	cloudy
Clacton	0.2	-	9	48	cloudy
Margate	*	-	11	52	dull
Folkestone	0.5	-	9	48	cloudy
Hastings	0.2	-	9	48	cloudy
Eastbourne	0.1	-	10	50	cloudy
Brighton	0.3	.06	9	48	dull
Worthing	0.2	.01	9	48	cloudy
Littlehmptn	0.4	-	10	50	cloudy
Bognor R	1.0	-	9	48	cloudy
Southsea	0.6	-	10	50	cloudy
Shanklin	0.1	-	9	48	cloudy
Bournemth	-	-	10	50	cloudy
Poole	0.2	-	11	52	cloudy
Swanage	0.1	-	10	50	cloudy
Scilly Isles	-	.06	10	50	gale
Guernsey	4.9	-	13	55	sunny
Newquay	0.8	.01	12	54	rain
Ilfracombe	*	.08	12	54	rain
Minehead	0.3	.20	12	54	rain
B'pool Airpt	0.2	.33	9	48	shower
Morecambe	-	.26	9	48	rain
Douglas	-	.24	8	46	rain
B'ham Airpt	1.0	.14	11	52	shower
Bristol (Ctl)	0.1	.11	11	52	cloudy
Carlisle	0.4	.38	8	46	rain
London	0.1	.01	12	54	cloudy
Manchester	-	.08	11	52	rain
N'cstl-n-Tyne	3.7	.15	10	50	rain
Nottingham	1.1	.12	12	54	shower
Anglesey	0.3	.10	9	48	rain
Cardiff (Ctl)	0.1	.03	12	54	shower
Tenby	-	.18	9	48	rain
Eskdalemuir	0.9	.50	6	43	hail
Glasgow	2.8	.11	8	46	shower
Lerwick	2.7	.19	6	43	hail
Belfast	0.6	.22	7	45	rain

These are yesterday's figures

ABROAD

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow; t, thunder.

		C	F			C	F
Ajaccio	f	15	59	Majorca	c	15	59
Akrotiri	s	18	64	Malaga	c	17	63
Alex'dria	f	18	64	Malta	s	22	72
Algiers	s	22	72	Mexico C*	c	27	81
Amst'dm	c	10	50	Miami*	c	26	79
Athens	s	16	61	Milan	c	13	55
Barbados*	f	29	84	Montreal*	c	7	45
Barcelna	f	15	59	Moscow	s	1	34
Beirut	s	17	63	Munich	s	16	61
Belgrade	f	17	63	Nairobi	s	29	84
Berlin	s	12	54	Naples	s	18	64
Bermuda*	s	20	68	N Delhi	s	27	81
Biarritz	f	21	70	N York*	c	17	63
Borde'x	c	17	63	Nice	s	15	59
Brussels	c	11	52	Oslo	r	1	34
Budapst	f	16	61	Paris	c	12	54
B Aires*	s	26	79	Rio de J	s	27	81
Cairo	f	20	68	Riyadh	f	21	70
Cape Tn	s	29	84	Rome	s	15	59
C'blanca	c	18	64	Salzburg	c	16	61
Chicago*	f	11	52	S F'risco*	s	16	61
Ch'church	s	17	63	Santiago*	s	25	77
Cologne	r	11	52	S Paulo*	c	30	86
C'phagn	f	5	41	Strasb'rg	f	13	55
Gibraltar	s	18	64	Sydney	f	26	79
Helsinki	c	1	34	Tangier	c	18	64
Hong K	c	17	63	Tel aviv	c	17	63
Innsbrck	f	15	59	Tenerife	s	20	68
Istanbul	s	13	55	Tokyo	s	13	55
Jeddah	s	29	84	Toronto*	c	8	46
Jo'burg*	th	20	68	Vanc'ver*	s	8	46
L Palmas	c	18	64	Venice	c	12	54
Le Tquet	f	11	52	Vienna	s	14	57
Lisbon	c	15	59	Warsaw	s	10	50
L Angels*	s	22	72	Wash'ton*	c	18	64
Luxembg	r	7	45	Wel'nton	s	17	63
Madrid	s	16	61	Zurich	f	12	54

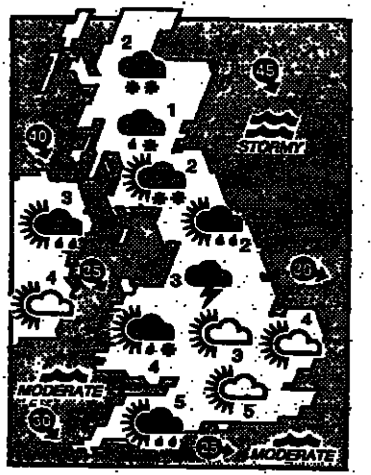
* denotes Thursday's figures are latest available

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	12.45	6.8	1.17	7.3
Aberdeen	12.27	4.1	12.27	4.2
Avonmouth	6.25	12.9	6.50	13.0
Belfast	10.09	3.4	10.35	3.2
Cardiff	6.10	11.9	6.35	12.0
Devonport	5.10	5.5	5.38	5.4
Dover	10.26	6.3	10.37	6.5
Falmouth	4.40	5.3	5.08	5.2
Glasgow	—	—	12.05	4.8
Harwich	11.09	3.9	11.23	3.7
Holyhead	9.25	5.6	9.55	5.4
Hull	5.39	7.1	5.33	7.4
Ilfracombe	5.11	9.0	5.33	8.9
Leith	1.40	5.4	1.53	5.5
Liverpool	10.26	9.4	10.52	9.3
Lowestoft	8.54	2.3	8.34	2.4
Margate	11.36	4.7	11.36	4.6
Milford Haven	5.25	7.0	5.49	6.9
Newquay	4.17	7.0	4.40	6.9
Oban	5.11	4.0	5.36	3.7
Penzance	4.08	5.6	4.34	5.5
Portland	6.02	2.1	6.46	2.0
Southampton	10.01	4.4	10.30	4.6
Swansea	5.34	9.3	5.58	9.3
Tees	2.56	5.2	3.00	5.4
W'ton-on-Nze	11.02	4.1	11.12	4.0

TOMORROW	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	1.33	7.0	3.02	7.4
Aberdeen	1.07	4.2	2.07	4.4
Avonmouth	8.09	13.4	8.30	13.4
Belfast	11.48	3.5	—	—
Cardiff	7.54	12.3	8.15	12.3
Devonport	6.54	5.7	7.18	5.6
Dover	—	—	12.01	6.5
Falmouth	6.24	5.5	6.48	5.4
Glasgow	1.36	4.5	1.49	4.9
Harwich	—	—	12.53	4.0
Holyhead	11.03	5.6	11.30	5.5
Hull	7.15	7.3	7.11	7.8
Ilfracombe	6.53	9.3	7.12	9.2
Leith	3.21	5.6	3.31	5.7
Liverpool	—	—	12.08	9.7
Lowestoft	10.32	2.3	10.19	2.5
Margate	—	—	1.19	4.7
Milford Haven	7.06	7.3	7.27	7.1
Newquay	5.56	7.3	6.17	7.1
Oban	6.44	4.2	7.03	3.9
Penzance	5.49	5.6	6.14	5.7
Portland	7.52	2.3	8.28	2.1
Southampton	11.40	4.5	—	—
Swansea	7.17	9.7	7.36	9.6
Tees	4.35	5.3	4.39	5.6
W'ton-on-Nze	—	—	12.44	4.2

AM



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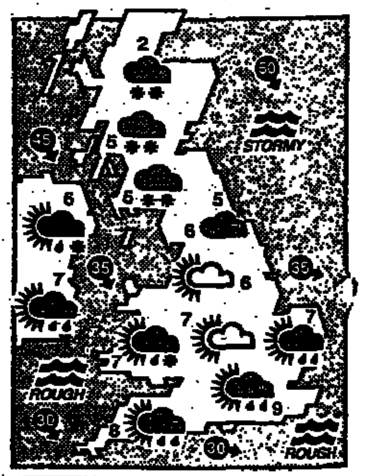


LIGHTING-UP TIME

TODAY

London 6.56 pm to 6.14 am
Bristol 7.06 pm to 6.24 am
Edinburgh 7.12 pm to 6.23 am
Manchester 7.06 pm to 6.21 am
Penzance 7.17 pm to 6.37 am

TOMORROW

London 7.58 pm to 6.12 am
Bristol 8.08 pm to 6.22 am
Edinburgh 8.14 pm to 6.20 am
Manchester 8.08 pm to 6.19 am
Penzance 8.19 pm to 6.35 am

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

		C	F			C	F
Belfast	r	7	45	Guernsey	f	10	50
B'ngham	c	9	48	Inverness	r	5	41
Blackpool	r	8	46	Jersey	f	12	54
Bristol	c	10	50	London	c	11	52
Cardiff	c	9	48	M'chster	r	10	50
Edinburgh	c	12	54	Newcastle	r	10	50

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 12C (54F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 7C (45F). Humidity: 6 pm, 50 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.16in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 2.9hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 985.2 millibars, rising.

TODAY

Sun rises: 5.47 am
Sun sets: 6.26 pm
Moon rises: 5.37 am
Moon sets: 6.17 pm

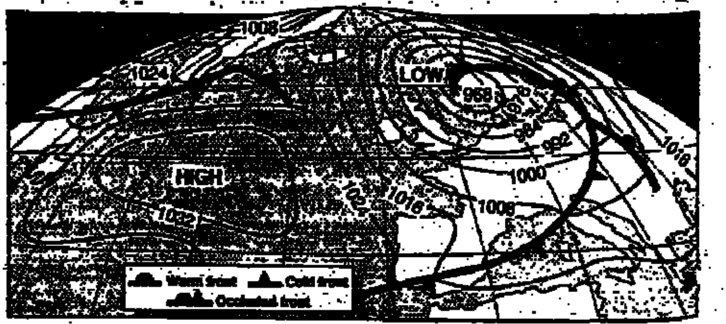
New Moon Tomorrow

TOMORROW

Sun rises: 6.44 am
Sun sets: 7.28 pm
Moon rises: 6.48 am
Moon sets: 7.39 pm

New Moon 1.46 pm – BST begins 2 am

NOON TODAY



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Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1620.6 (+5.7)

FT-SE 100
2048.6 (+10.8)

Bargains
50538 (55725)

USM (Datastream)
166.94 (+0.91)

THE POUND

US dollar
1.6020 (–0.0035)

W German mark
2.9220 (–0.0153)

Trade-weighted
71.9 (–0.2)

Fisons in £110m cash call

Fisons, the drugs and horticulture group, is raising about £110 million in a share issue to overseas investors, mostly in Europe and the Far East, to fund further expansion.

Mr John Kerridge, the chairman, said although more than 80 per cent of sales were overseas, only about 2 per cent of the company's shares were held outside Britain.

Dixons wins Cyclops

Barring last minute surprises, Dixons, the high street electrical retailing chain has succeeded in its £250 million bid for the US Cyclops group.

Dixons yesterday purchased *57 per cent of the Cyclops's* equity bringing its holding up to 83 per cent. The deal is an important strategic move into the US retail market, for Dixons, which plans to sell the steel-making operations of Cyclops to the Allegheny Corporation.

£4.8m buy

The Brent Walker Group has acquired *Le Touquet Syndicate for £4,795,000 cash, of which £600,000 will be repaid* by the vendor to the company. Brent Walker has issued 160,000 ordinary shares credited as fully paid to a third party to obtain the waiver of option rights.

Hanson sells

Hanson Industries, the US arm of Hanson Trust, is to sell PCR, a specialist chemicals unit for $6.25 million cash (£3.9 million) to Chemical Partners. Last year PCR recorded sales of *$13.2 million* (£8.25 million) and an operating loss $381,000.

Profits rise

Boddingtons, the brewer, reported pretax profits up from £11.7 million to £14.4 million yesterday. Sales rose from £73 million to just over £87 million. The dividend total goes up from 3.25p a share to 3.7p.

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Croda Int

Croda International has not passed its dividends during the past four years as stated in our headline yesterday.

Name change

The Guinness drinks group has announced that its spirits division is to be named United Distillers Group.

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Election doubts hit markets

Base rate cut hopes recede

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

Hopes of an early cut in base rates faded in the City yesterday, after a week in which the financial markets have been buffeted by political uncertainties and unexpected good *news on the economy.*

Political worries, a lacklustre performance from the pound and the restatement by the Governor of the Bank of England of the cautious approach to interest rates dominated sentiment.

In the money markets, the three-month interbank rate edged up to just above 9¾ per cent. Dealers said that the next cut in base rates could be three or four weeks away. This could cause some difficulties for building societies, who cut mortgage rates in the hope of a further reduction in base rates from the present 10 per cent to 9.5 per cent.

"Unless something dramatic happens on the currency front, the Chancellor will *leave* base rates where they are for a few weeks," said Mr Mike Osborne, chief economist at Kleinwort Grieveson.

Mr Robin Leigh-Pemberton, *the Governor of the Bank* of England, said in evidence to the House of Commons Treasury and Civil Service Committee on Thursday that the approach to interest rates would be cautious. He cited *strong growth in bank lending* and broad money.

Some market operators had taken the view that, following the abandonment of sterling M3 as a target in the Budget, its strong growth would not *stand in the way of rate cuts.*

This evidence, with the results of two opinion polls showing a strong recovery for the Alliance virtually extinguished market hopes for an early base rate cut.

"The mood of the market has shifted. Political uncertainty has roared back in," Mr John Shepperd, gilts economist at Warburg Securities, said.

The average rate at the weekly Treasury bill tender rose to 9.3157 per cent yesterday, from 9.1104 per cent.

Mr Chris Johns, economist, at Phillips & Drew said: "We have a sneaking suspicion that the Chancellor may be returning to a strong exchange rate policy, but it may be more of a hope than a policy."

The Bank of England announced the issue of £250 million of existing index-linked stocks. The issue, £150 million of 2½ per cent index-linked 2011 and £100 million of 2½ per cent index-linked 2024, will be available to the *market on Monday.*

Dealers said electoral uncertainties have boosted index-linked gilts when the conventional market has been weak. After the publication of one of this week's opinion polls pointing to a hung Parliament, one big financial institution was reported to have made a large switch from conventional long-dated stock into index-linked stock.

Yesterday, the gilt market was again weak, recording falls of about ⅝ points for conventional long-dated stocks.

Dollar falls against yen

By Our Economics Editor

The dollar fell to a post-war low against the Japanese yen, despite another bout of central bank intervention to support it. Dealers said that pressure on the dollar was likely to persist.

The central banks of West Germany, Japan, France, the United States and Switzerland stepped in yesterday to buy dollars.

But the intervention, while well signalled, failed to prevent the dollar's decline.

It closed at a new low of *Y147.65, compared with* Y149.20 at the previous close.

Against the mark, the dollar fell by half a pfennig to DM1.8240.

The only main currency to fall against the weak dollar was sterling.

The ineffectiveness of central bank intervention in support of the dollar this week, despite total support estimated at $3 billion (£1.84 billion) to $4 billion, may lead to a further market assault on the dollar next week.

The pound dropped by 35 points to $1.6020, and by two *pfennigs to DM2.9206 against* the mark. The sterling index fell by 0.3 points to 71.9.

Dealers said that sterling had taken on a weaker tone because of recent opinion poll results, and despite indications that the British authorities are prepared to hold interest rates up.

Before last month's Paris agreement by the six main industrial countries to preserve the existing pattern of exchange rates, the pound had tended to follow the dollar. But, in the past few weeks, *sterling has strengthened* at the dollar's expense.

Japan telecom details 'next week'

From David Watts, Tokyo

A Japanese negotiator is expected to announce the structure of a unified international telecommunications company next Thursday, even if the scale of Cable and Wireless's participation has not been settled.

The *Nihon Keizai Shimbun,* a Japanese economic newspaper, says the idea of the transpacific optical-fibre cable that C &W has been pressing on the Japanese Ministry of Post and Telecommunications (MPT) may be part of the arrangement. MPT has denied the cable is necessary, claiming existing facilities will *meet* demand up to the next century.

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The office of Mr Fumio Watanabe, who has been charged with forming the unified company, would confirm only that a meeting would be held on April 2, and the content of a press conference to be held afterwards would depend on what transpired.

Mr Jonathan Solomon, director of corporate strategy at C & W, said trying to merge the two rival consortia would be like combining oil and water. Judging from market research, there was room for both companies.

Polarization battle hots up

By Peter Gartland

The dispute between the Securities and Investments Board and the Office of Fair Trading over polarization and the role of independent intermediaries took a new turn yesterday.

The Association of Investment Trust Companies has written to Mr Michael Howard, the consumer affairs minister, to complain that neither the SIB's rule book nor the OFT report addresses the fundamental issue of how the *consumer* can get genuinely impartial investment advice.

The AITC urges that all intermediaries styled as independent should be required to ensure that a recommended investment is the one most suitable for the investor's needs.

Shareholders bar £10m sale of Belgrave hotels

By Michael Tate

The £10.6 million sale of four West End hotels by Belgrave Holdings has been blocked.

Shareholders voted by more than five to one at an extraordinary general meeting yesterday to call off the deal under which the leases on the hotels would have passed to a company controlled by Belgrave's chief executive, Mr Anant Rabheru, and his brother.

The sale of the hotels had looked in some doubt since Thursday when Mr Nurdin Jivraj revealed that he and his family had acquired the 29.9 per cent *share* block previously owned by International Securities, a deal that was conditional on shareholders voting down the proposed sale.

Mr Jivraj, who will collect about £22 million from Mount Charlotte next month for the sale of his 57 per cent stake in London Park Hotels, had insisted that the hotels were being sold "for a song." *He believes they are worth* "over £20 million."

Mr Rabheru and his brother also hold a 29.9 per cent stake in Belgrave, but, as interested parties, were not permitted to vote at yesterday's meeting. Mr Rabheru was waiting to hear from the Jivraj interests as to their intentions.

Mr Jivraj said yesterday: "We are not passive investors. We are going for full control."

MARKET SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

New York	
Dow Jones	2359.38 (–13.21)*
Tokyo	
Nikkei Dow	22026.66 (+467.87)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	2798.74 (+15.82)
Amsterdam: Gen	280.4 (+2.7)
Sydney: AO	1690.6 (+0.5)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	1779.4 (+40.9)
Brussels:	
General	4460.61 (–43.92)
Paris: CAC	459.0 (–1.4)
Zurich: SKA Gen	538.80 (+3.5)
London: FT. A	n/a
FT. Gilts	90.76 (–0.46)
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INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 10%
3-month Interbank $9\frac{25}{32}$-9¾%
3-month eligible bills:9½-9⅜%
buying rate
US: Prime Rate 7½%
Federal Funds 6⅛%*
3-month Treasury Bills 5.60-5.58%*
30-year bonds $99\frac{23}{32}$-99⅝%*

CURRENCIES

London:	**New York:**
£: $1.6020	£: $1.6040*
£: DM2.9220	$: DM1.8220*
£: SwFr2.4342	*$: SwFr1.5195**
£: FFr9.7061	$: FFr6.0620*
£: Yen236.54	$: Yen147.65*
£: Index:71.9	$: Index:102.1
ECU £0.709077	SDR £0.795867

MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:	
Dixons	403p (+12p)
Thorn EMI	628p (+27p)
BP	936p (+18p)
Glaxo	1531p (+33p)
Lucas	586p (+17p)
Braithwaite Group	347p (+43p)
VG Instruments	559p (+21p)
Stonehill Hldgs.	116p (+23p)
Caffyns	415p (+27p)
Yorkshire TV	379p (+34p)
Glass Glover	305p (+25p)
Home Counties	375p (+20p)
Blue Arrow	680p (+29p)
Microgen	605p (+25p)
Reuters	729p (+21p)
Brit. & Commnwlth	471p (+36p)
Worcester	510p (+30p)
Rio Tinto-Zinc	812p (+53p)
FALLS:	
Wordplex	143p (–23p)
Boddingtons	140p (–6p)

Prices are as at 4pm

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $415.90 pm-$416.35
close $416.50-417.00 (£260.00-260.50)
New York:
Comex $422.60-423.10*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (May) pm $17.90bbl($17.95)
* Denotes latest trading price

Avana returns fire in bid battle

By Colin Campbell

Avana Group, facing a hostile £274.5 million bid from the Ranks Hovis McDougall group yesterday unveiled its profit predictions yesterday for the financial year ending *today and said that it would be* raising the 1987 dividend by 41.6 per cent.

It urged shareholders to stay with Avana and reject the RHM offer.

Dr John Randall, Avana's chairman and chief executive, forecast that the pretax profits, to be published in June, would show profits at £23 million for the 1987 year compared with £19.6 million reported for 1986 – and this would rise to £27.5 million in the following 12 months.

The forecast was immediately attacked by Mr Stanley Metcalfe, managing director of Ranks Hovis McDougall, for including profits of £5 million and £3 million respectively, from the sale of "know-how" and consultancy servicess to Weetabix.

This, he claimed, made the profit projections better than they should be.

In reply Dr Randall said greater attention should be paid to be trading projections which suggest that trading *profits would rise from £16.2* million seen last year to £18.2 million for the year just ended, and to £24 million in 1988.

In addition, Dr Randall attacked RHM's own interim statement issued yesterday by saying that its growth in earnings a share of only 16 per *cent "confirms the view that* RHDM's recent recovery has been a one-off improvement based on closures, disposals and redundancies and that prospects for the current year are unexciting."

Avana has net *cash balances* of £17.5 million, has resolved its problem areas, and because the group has a recipe for success, shareholders should reject the RHM offer and stay aboard, Dr Randall said.

The final dividend for 1987 has been indicated at 11.75p a *share.*

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King of Wembley: Brian Wolfson, whose consortium is paying £17.5 million to 'bring the stadium into the 21st century'

The fan who bought Wembley

By Cliff Feltham

Mr Brian Wolfson, a soccer enthusiast, achieved a longstanding ambition yesterday when he became the owner of *the Wembley Stadium* complex in a multi-million pound deal.

Mr Wolfson, who is 51, and his City consortium, paid BET, the industrial group, £17.5 million for its remaining 49 per cent stake in the world famous sports complex. He *acquired the controlling* interest 18 months ago.

Mr Wolfson, a Liverpool supporter since childhood, said: "They are saying back home in Merseyside that the only reason I bought the place was because I always had trouble getting hold of Cup *Final* tickets. I don't expect that will be a problem any more."

Mr Wolfson, who is also chairman of the engineering group Anglo Nordic Holdings, has already invested about £10 million on improving facilities at the 70-acre Wembley site since acquiring control.

He has built exhibition halls, refurbished the arena, and will be shortly unveiling 25 *new executives boxes in the* stadium which are claimed to be the most luxurious in the world. "We will carry on spending to take Wembley into the 21st century where it belongs."

Mr Wolfson's consortium includes the Mountleigh *Group, Throgmorton Trust,* Allied Lyons Pension Fund, and other leading City institutions.

BET, which has owned Wembley since 1960, has raised around £37 million from the sale of its interests in the complex and is retaining a line *by investing £2.5 million* for a 10 per cent stake in Mr Wolfson's consortium, Arena Holdings.

1600 check on profit-sharing

By Our Economics Correspondent

More than 1,600 companies have expressed an interest in setting up profit-related pay schemes since the Budget, Mr Norman Lamont, Financial Secretary to the Treasury said yesterday.

Mr Lamont, addressing a CBI conference on pay and performance, urged employers introducing such schemes to *consider replacing the annual* pay rise with an increase which is related to profit.

"From then on, that part of labour costs will only increase if profits turn out to be higher. And employees' pay will be no lower than otherwise unless profits are lower. A conversion process will have been made bringing with it all the right signals for motivation," he said.

*In the Budget, the Chan*cellor amended his earlier proposals for profit-related pay so that half of any such pay would be eligible for tax relief, up to a maximum of 20 per cent of income or £3,000, whichever is the lower.

Companies were invited to register their interest by writing to a special Inland Revenue office in Glasgow. More than 1,600 have done so and a *further 600,000 companies* will be sent details.

Channon acts to wind up dealer

By Colin Narbrough

The Department of Trade and Industry yesterday moved to close down Greenwood International Securities, a small London firm of licensed securities dealers, whose director, Mr Jonathan Greenwood, is at the centre of an inquiry into insider dealing by civil servants.

Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, announced he had presented a petition for the compulsory winding up of Greenwood International and had appointed the official receiver as liquidator pending a High Court hearing on May 13.

A DTI statement said the petition was presented under section 440 of the Companies Act 1985 following investigation under section 447 which *allows the Secretary of State to* seek to wind up a company if considered "expedient".

The DTI inspectors told the High Court on Thursday that they suspected that there might be a second ring dealing on inside information. Insider dealing on the Stock Exhange by a large ring using information from a civil servant exceeded *£10 million,* they said.

Mr Greenwood, aged 28, claimed in an interview in *The Times earlier this month that* he was innocent, but said he had no intention at present of returning to Britain from Israel.

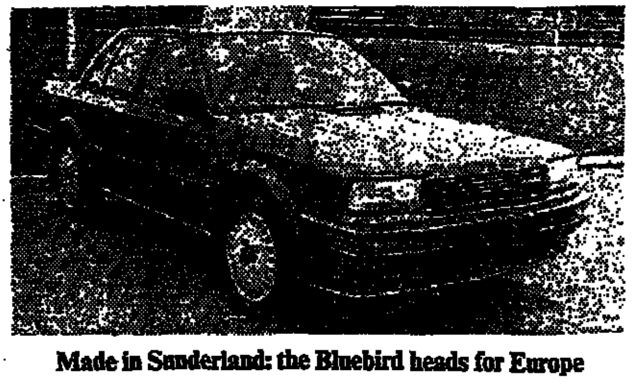
Britain warns EEC on Sunderland cars

No blocking Nissan

By *Daniel Ward, Motor* Industry Correspondent

Nissan, the Japanese carmaker, has been given an undertaking by *the Government* that it will ensure EEC members do not block imports of the Sunderland-built Nissan cars when the British plant starts exporting to the Continent in 1988.

"If someone were to block the entry of these cars into an EEC country we would be prepared to do all we could to get the barriers knocked down," a Department of Trade and Industry spokesman confirmed. The Government has given Nissan grants of more than £100 million for the £330 million Sunderland plant, which by 1991 will employ 2,700 people to produce 100,000 cars a year.



Made in Sunderland: the Bluebird heads for Europe

Nissan plans to export at least one-third of the Sunderland-built Bluebird models to the continent and is painfully aware that in 1982 Italy impounded several hundred Triumph Acclaims because the authorities were not convinced the cars, Honda Bal*lade models built under licence* by Austin Rover, had enough locally sourced parts to qualify for European status. If Italy had not protested about the Triumph it was widely expected France would have.

The two countries have the most stringent restrictions on Japanese imports; Italy allows only 3,300 Japanese cars to be sold each year and France restricts them to 3 per cent of *the total market. While the* EEC requires a local content of 60 per cent of a car's ex-works price, Japanese carmakers know 80 per cent local content is more acceptable to the countries where Japanese car imports are restricted.

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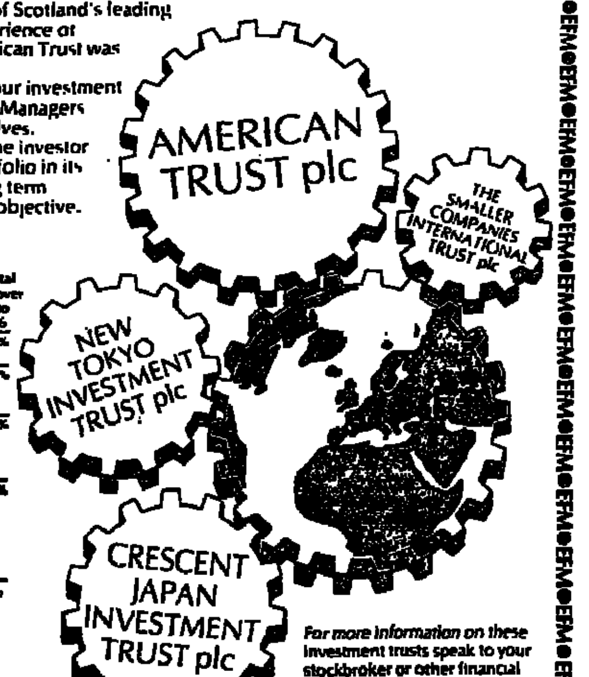

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BUSINESS SUMMARY

Associated increases Northern Star stake

Sydney (Reuter) – Northern Star Holdings said Associated Newspapers Holdings, publisher of the *Daily Mail* and *The Mail on Sunday*, will hold 9.99 per cent of its enlarged issued capital after applying for 15.9 million shares in its recently announced placement.

Associated was one of the main investors participating in the previous placement of 128.9 million shares at Aus$3.75 each. The company at present holds 3.3 per cent of Northern's issued capital, a company official said. Northern Star is raising Aus$623 million (£266 million) through placements and a subsequent one-for-four rights issue at Aus$2.95 a share.

World Bank plea to Tokyo

Mr Barber Conable, president of the World Bank (right), called on Japan to increase investment in developing nations at a meeting of businessmen and academics in Tokyo yesterday. With 25 per cent of the world's total banking assets, it could help Third World countries to develop their infrastructures, he said.

Krupp manager held

A manager with the West German steel producer, Krupp, has been arrested for alleged fraud, a spokesman for the state prosecutor's office in Hannover said. Two executives with steel trading firms, one in North Rhine Westphalia and the other near Hanover, were also arrested for allegedly aiding the Krupp manager, who was identified only as Herr Alex L.

The manager was alleged to have faked signatures on forms ordering large shipments of heavy steel plate from one of the trading companies, for which Krupp paid. But they were delivered to the other trading company, not to Krupp. The three were alleged to have gained by selling them. Newspaper reports variously put the value of steel involved at between DM50 million (£16.7 million) to DM100 million.

Alcan firms to combine

Alcan Australia has announced that it is making a takeover bid for Alcan New Zealand. Both companies are controlled by Alcan Aluminium of Canada. The offer is NZ$1.80 (62p) cash per share or four Australian shares for three New Zealand shares. The Canadian parent will accept the share-exchange offer.

Broken Hill earnings fall

Broken Hill Proprietary, the Australian mining group, showed a sharp fall in earnings for the first nine months of the current year. Profits were down 25 per cent at £268 million, with the third quarter down 13 per cent at just above £90 million. The board says it is confident about the outlook for the rest of the year.

Bankamerica ratings

Moody's Investors Service has downgraded the long and short-term debt ratings of Bankamerica Corporation. The rating agency has also confirmed the debt ratings of Bankamerica's subsidiaries, Bank of America NT&SA, Seafirst Corporation, and Seattle-First National Bank.

The rating changes are: Bankamerica's senior debt downgraded to Ba1 from Baa3; subordinated debt to Ba3 from Ba1; preferred stock to single-B1 from Ba3, and its rating for commercial paper to not prime from prime-3. About $5.5 billion (£3.37 billion) of debt is affected.

Moody's said its action "reflects concern over Bankamerica's continuing high level of problem assets, including significant Latin American exposures.

Pressure mounts as Japan reports $8bn trade surplus

Tokyo (Reuter) – Japan yesterday announced another mammoth monthly trade surplus that economists said would intensify increasing pressure on the country for action.

The trade surplus soared to $8.14 billion (£5.1 billion) in February from $5.7 billion in January and $4.77 billion a year ago.

Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone, the Prime Minister, is to visit Washington next month in a bid to defuse mounting US anger over Japanese trade policies, but Western diplomats believe his chances of success are slim.

Mr Eric Rasmussen, the Jardine Fleming (Securities) economist, said of the February figures: "The world has every reason to be furious with Japan for not moving more quickly".

Japan's current account surplus, which includes trade in services as well as goods, climbed to $7.38 billion last month from $4.95 billion in January and $3.89 billion a year ago.

The figures look only slightly better after being adjusted for seasonal fluctuations. On that basis, the trade surplus declined slightly in February to $9.16 billion from a record $9.58 billion in January.

Mr William Stirling, the economist at Merrill Lynch Japan, said: "In the medium term we expect this modest improvement to continue, but the pace of progress may be too slow to ward off further protectionism or further yen strength."

A strong yen would make Japanese goods more expensive on world markets while making imports cheaper.

Mr Rasmussen said: "On a seasonally-adjusted basis, we appear to be making some progress on getting exports down." But imports were not increasing much since the Japanese economy remained sluggish.

Nakasone: chances slim of defusing US anger

Finance ministry officials blamed last month's slower import growth on a fall in oil imports as refiners worked off stocks built up in January.

The officials took comfort from a decline in the volume of exports last month, after an unexpected year-on-year increase in January.

This meant the effects of the two-year rise of the yen against the US dollar were finally beginning to impact on exports, they said.

But economists gave warning that may not be soon enough for Japan's trading partners.

● Japan's cabinet yesterday approved a provisional budget covering the first 50 days of a new fiscal year beginning on April 1. Mr Toshiaki Kojima of the Budget Bureau said the Y8.8 trillion (£37 billion) stopgap budget was to be submitted to the Diet (parliament) for final approval by next Tuesday.

COMPANY NEWS

● **JOHN MAUNDERS:** Interim dividend 2.6p (2.4p) for the six months to December 31. With figures in £000: Turnover 14,141 (12,373). Pretax profit 1,211 (856). Earnings per share 12.8p (7.9p). The board expects to recommend a final on the enlarged capital of at least the same amount (2.6p) as for the 1985-86. It also plans to raise about £5 million (net) by the issue of 2.09 million new ordinary shares.

● **VG INSTRUMENTS:** Total dividend for 1986 3.6p – a 44 per cent increase. With figures in £000: Turnover 86,628 (66,081). Pretax profit 20,113 (14,319). Earnings per share 24.57p (16.91p). Another record year is expected by the board.

● **EAGLE STAR HOLDINGS:** Results for 1986. Figures in £millions: Premium income: general business 1,034.6 (782.1). Long-term business 633.9 (455.5). Total 1,668.5 (1,237.6). General business underwriting loss 143.6 (175.6). Shareholders' long-term business surplus 28.5 (25.2). Pretax surplus 204.1 (114.5).

● **METAL CLOSURES:** Total dividend for 1986 7.4p (6.7p). With figures in £000: Turnover 82,467 (83,700). Pretax profit 4,926 (3,847). Extraordinary items, after tax credit, 6,515 (1,950 debit). Earnings per share 11.0p (8.3p).

● **CHARLES BARKER:** Total payment for 1986 3p. With figures in £000: Billings 175,700 (136,600). Turnover 90,423 (79,738). Pretax profit 3,430 (2,616). Extraordinary item 1,007 (nil). Earnings per share 10.3p (7.2p).

● **BRIDON:** Total dividend for 1986 5.5p (5p). With figures in £millions: Turnover: company and subsidiaries 187.6 (208.7), Gicsa, Mexico, 3.9 (24.3) and others 97.1 (101.5). Pretax profit 10.4 (16.7). Extraordinary debit 2.5 (4). Earnings per share, before extraordinary items, 11.1p (20.4p).

● **BANRO INDUSTRIES:** Total dividend for 1986 7p (5.5p, adjusted). The board proposes a one-for-10 scrip issue. Turnover 40,404 (31,411). Pretax profit 2,528 (1,615). Earnings per share, adjusted, 17.6p (12.5p).

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

Three Month Sterling	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Jun 87	90.78	90.81	90.73	90.75	5145
Sep 87	91.03	91.05	90.98	90.98	717
Dec 87	91.04	91.07	91.01	91.00	251
Mar 88	90.87	90.94	90.87	90.92	10
Jun 88	NT	—	—	90.74	0
Sep 88	NT	—	—	90.52	0
Dec 88	NT	—	—	90.37	0
Mar 89	NT	—	—	90.12	0
Previous day's total open interest 25313					
Three Month Eurodollar					
Jun 87	93.49	93.49	93.43	93.45	3903
Sep 87	93.52	93.52	93.48	93.48	784
Dec 87	93.50	93.50	93.45	93.46	194
Mar 88	93.40	93.40	93.36	93.36	131
Jun 88	93.22	93.22	93.22	93.21	15
Sep 88	NT	—	—	93.01	0
Dec 88	NT	—	—	92.80	0
Mar 89	NT	—	—	92.60	0
Previous day's total open interest 23777					
US Treasury Bond					
Jun 87	100-17	100-17	100-03	100-10	3910
Sep 87	NT	—	—	99-08	0
Previous day's total open interest 3184					
Short Gilt					
Mar 87	NT	—	—	102-38	0
Jun 87	NT	—	—	—	
Sep 87	NT	—	—	—	
Previous day's total open interest 59					
Long Gilt					
Mar 87	NT	—	—	124-07	0
Jun 87	124-28	124-30	123-20	123-28	31040
Sep 87	NT	—	—	123-28	0
Dec 87	NT	—	—	123-28	0
Mar 88	NT	—	—	—	
Previous day's total open interest 25121					
FT-SE 100					
Mar 87	205.25	206.00	204.90	204.95	486
Jun 87	210.60	212.00	210.00	210.05	694
Previous day's total open interest 6056					

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

	Market rates day's range March 27	Market rates close March 27	1 month	3 months
N York	1.6015-1.6070	1.6015-1.6025	0.47-0.44prem	1.29-1.24
Montreal	2.0908-2.1015	2.0908-2.0937	0.52-0.44prem	1.49-1.33prem
Ams'dam	3.2930-3.3085	3.2930-3.3075	1¼-1prem	3¾-3¼prem
Brussels	60.37-60.70	60.37-60.49	17-15prem	43-32prem
C'phgen	11.0103-11.0417	11.0114-11.0343	par-¾dis	1¼-2dis
Dublin	1.0930-1.1016	1.0941-1.0951	30-36dis	80-90dis
Frankfurt	2.9185-2.9381	2.9185-2.9227	1½-1¼prem	4¼-4prem
Lisbon	224.87-226.59	224.87-225.81	62-146dis	2251-370dis
Madrid	205.02-206.86	205.02-205.47	111-142dis	271-323dis
Milan	2077.45-2089.90	2077.45-2081.95	1prem-1 dis	1 prem
Oslo	10.9634-11.0401	10.9634-10.9863	3¾-4¾dis	12¾-13¾dis
Paris	9.7118-9.7585	9.7118-9.7291	1¾-1¼prem	4¾-3¾prem
St'khlm	10.1616-10.2302	10.1616-10.1839	1-1½dis	2¾-3¼dis
Tokyo	236.39-38.49	236.39-236.76	1½-1prem	3¾-3prem
Vienna	20.50-20.60	20.50-20.53	9¾-8¾prem	27-24dis
Zurich	2.4320-2.4451	2.4320-2.4359	1¼-1prem	3-3¾prem

Sterling index compared with 1975 was down at 71.9 (day's range 71.8-72.0).

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	2.4621-2.4734
Australia dollar	2.2972-2.3004
Bahrain dinar	0.6025-0.6065
Brazil cruzado*	34.3373-34.5305
Cyprus pound	0.7660-0.7760
Finland marka	7.1545-7.1845
Greece drachma	213.85-215.85
Hong Kong dollar	12.506-12.516
India rupee	20.45-20.65
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4385-0.4425
Malaysia dollar	4.0392-4.0434
Mexico peso	1765.0-1815.0
New Zealand dollar	2.8330-2.8399
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.9920-6.0320
Singapore dollar	3.4266-3.4305
S Africa rand (fin)	4.6478-4.7192
S Africa rand (com)	3.2657-3.2779
U A E dirham	5.8820-5.9080

*Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.4640-1.4670
Singapore	2.1370-2.1380
Malaysia	2.5190-2.5200
Australia	0.6977-0.6982
Canada	1.3063-1.3068
Sweden	6.3550-6.3600
Norway	6.8600-6.8650
Denmark	6.8650-6.8700
West Germany	1.8215-1.8222
Switzerland	1.5170-1.5180
Netherlands	2.0555-2.0565
France	6.0600-6.0640
Japan	147.45-147.55
Italy	1297.0-1300.0
Belgium(Comm)	37.75-37.78
Hong Kong	7.7995-7.8005
Portugal	140.80-141.10
Spain	128.00-128.20
Austria	12.81-12.83

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TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings Mar 16 *Last Dealings* Mar 27 *Last Declaration* Jun 25 *For Settlement* Jul 6

Call options were taken out on: 27/3/87 Eagle Trust, Property Trust, Brent Walker, Atlantic Res., Spong, Mountleigh, CCF, FNFC, Norfolk Cap., Oxford Inst., Ellis & Goldstein, Cityvision, Peek Holdings, Tranwood Group, J England, UTC, Paul Michael, Sutcliffe Speakman, Friendly Hotels, Hanson Trust, Belhaven, Willaire Systems, British Benzol, British & Commonwealth, Blacks Leisure, St. Modwen, Coronation Syndicate, Abaco, TSB, Amstrad, Astra Inds., B Priest, Wheway, Ladies Pride, North Kalgurli Mines, Lister, Tricentrol, AB Engineering.

Put: Tranwood Group.

Puts & Calls: Amstrad, Wingate Property Investment.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Apr	Jul	Oct	Apr	Jul	Oct
Allied Lyons (*401)	330	75	85	93	1	2¾	5
	360	45	58	73	1½	8	15
	390	21	37	48	7	18	23
British Gas (*95)	80	15	18½	23	¼	2	3
	90	7½	12½	16½	2	4	6½
	100	3	7½	11	7½	8½	12
British Airways (*130)	110	21	25½	30	1	3	6
	120	12	17	22	1½	6	10
	130	6	12	17	5½	11	16
BP (*939)	800	142	162	180	2	10	17
	850	92	115	135	6	15	27
	900	58	82	105	17	28	40
Cons Gold (*943)	750	167	177	194	1	7	13
	800	117	137	150	5	13	25
	850	70	100	125	10	25	40
Courtaulds (*443)	360	86	98	104	1	7	7
	390	56	68	82	2	10	14
	420	30	46	53	7	15	25
	460	8	23	35	22	32	39
Com Union (*330)	300	34	44	56	3	8	13
	330	13	30	42	13	19	24
	360	5	18	28	41	36	38
Cable & Wire (*376)	325	62	—	—	1½	—	—
	350	30	—	—	7	—	—
	360	—	40	52	—	19	28
	390	7	21	38	22	32	47
GEC (*219)	200	22	33	40	1	9	10
	220	8	19	25	8	15	20
	240	2	10	16	23	27	32
Grand Met (*477)	420	62	75	80	1	4	7
	460	30	50	63	8	15	25
	500	7	12	30	28	40	47
	550	1½	12	24	75	80	85
ICI (*1368)	1300	80	150	160	30	40	55
	1350	56	115	130	30	55	80
	1400	24	90	110	53	85	110
	1450	11	70	90	100	115	140
Land Securities (*411)	360	52	58	66	2	5	9
	390	26	37	47	4	14	18
	420	11	20	28	19	29	34
Marks & Span (*225)	200	28	34	40	1½	4	6
	220	14	20	26	7	12	14
	240	6	12	18	21	26	29
Shell Trans (*1259)	1150	115	135	160	5	15	25
	1200	75	100	130	13	27	37
	1250	45	75	105	27	40	52
Trafalgar House (*351)	300	53	60	69	1½	5	10
	330	25	40	50	5	13	19
	360	8	19	33	20	26	35
TSB (*86)	70	17½	18½	21½	½	1	2
	80	8½	12	14½	1½	3½	4
	90	2	6½	9½	5	7½	8
Woolworth (*837)	750	95	105	120	2	10	20
	800	55	85	90	11	20	40
	850	21	45	65	45	60	70
	Series	Jun	Sep	Dec	Jun	Sep	Dec
Beecham (*579)	460	126	137	—	4	9	—
	500	92	105	—	7	15	—
	550	52	72	78	20	32	42
	600	22	42	52	42	58	72
Boots (*288)	260	27	38	46	15	19	28
	300	18	25	34	29	33	38
	330	9	15	—	50	54	—
BTR (*333)	300	38	48	60	8	14	18
	330	23	31	42	20	27	30
	360	11	17	28	40	43	50
Bass (*929)	900	75	95	125	25	43	50
	950	45	65	85	55	63	75
	1000	15	45	70	90	95	105
Blue Circle (*810)	700	123	132	147	6	13	18
	750	85	90	115	10	22	32
	800	50	62	82	30	40	48
De Beers (*1335)	1100	260	315	345	30	55	60
	1200	210	250	280	50	75	95
	1300	165	190	220	100	130	155
	1400	115	140	180	160	190	210
Dixons (*403)	381	48	58	—	12	20	—
	390	—	—	58	—	—	26
	420	26	34	42	34	38	44
GKN (*329)	280	57	63	—	4	8	—
	300	40	47	57	11	16	19
	330	20	28	38	20	25	29
	360	9	17	24	36	41	43
Glaxo (*1529)	1500	125	175	200	70	95	115
	1550	100	135	175	80	135	150
	1600	75	130	150	115	160	175
	1650	52	105	—	165	185	—
Hanson (*167)	135	34½	38	—	1	2	—
	150	22	25½	—	3	5	—
Hanson contd	165	12½	17½	—	8½	11	—
	180	5½	11	15½	17½	19½	21
Jaguar (*597)	550	70	88	110	15	20	30
	600	40	63	85	38	43	52
	650	18	40	—	65	70	—
Sears (*133)	130	11½	14½	19½	6½	8	10
	140	6	11	15	11	15½	17
	160	3	6½	9	28½	28½	31
Tesco (*482)	420	75	93	—	4	12	—
	460	45	63	73	18	27	35
	500	23	37	50	40	46	53
Thorn EMI (*627)	500	140	145	—	2	3	—
	550	95	105	—	8	12	—
	600	62	70	90	17	28	32
	650	34	48	65	37	50	55
THF (*243)	200	49	58	67	1½	3	7
	220	31	43	51	5	9	13
	240	17	28	33	12	15	19
	Series	May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
Brit Aero (*646)	600	58	78	93	17	23	28
	650	28	52	67	33	42	47
	700	12	32	48	67	72	77
BAT Inds (*549)	420	130	140	—	1	1½	—
	460	90	105	—	2½	5	—
	500	55	75	93	9	15	18
	550	24	45	58	27	33	37
Barclays (*506)	500	32	55	65	15	25	33
	550	9	32	42	47	52	57
	600	5	12	18	95	95	97
Brit Telecom (*256)	220	40	45	52	1	3½	6
	240	23	29	38	4	9	14
	260	11	19	25	12	18	24
Cadbury Schwpps (*255)	240	26	38	40	9	14	17
	260	15	27	29	19	25	29
	280	7½	15	—	32	40	—
Guinness (*330)	300	43	58	70	10	18	25
	330	25	40	52	23	30	32
	360	10	25	—	38	42	—
Ladbroke (*438)	373	72	80	—	2	2	—
	403	47	58	73	6	9	13
	443	18	32	43	20	22	27
LASMO (*263)	220	46	53	59	3	9	10
	240	32	40	47	8	15	16
	260	22	30	38	17	25	25
Midland Bank (*642)	550	100	112	—	3	8	—
	600	62	75	90	10	18	27
	650	25	42	55	30	40	45
Plessey (*250)	220	36	44	48	2½	4½	7
	240	23	31	36	7	10	13
	260	13	23	28	19	21	26
P & O (*639)	550	92	102	—	3	10	—
	600	44	70	85	10	20	28
	650	15	43	55	33	52	57
Racal (*234)	220	25	33	40	6	10	12
	240	12	22	29	15	21	24
	260	4½	15	21	29	34	37
RTZ (*812)	650	172	184	—	4	7	—
	700	125	140	154	7	13	20
	750	85	107	122	17	30	40
	800	45	70	92	34	47	57
Vaal Reef (*129)	100	31	33½	36	1½	4½	7
	110	22	24	27	3	6	8
	120	16	19½	22½	6	9½	12
	Series	Jun	Sep	Dec	Jun	Sep	Dec
Lonrho (*264)	220	70	74	—	1½	2	—
	240	50	55	—	2	4	—
	260	35	39	43	5	10	13
	280	22	30	33	13	18	22
	300	12	18	—	23	29	—
	Series	May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
Tr 11¾% 1991 (*£108)	104	4 7/16	4¾	—	1/16	7/32	—
	106	2 7/16	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1¾
	108	1¾	3 7/16	1¾	1¾	2 7/16	2
	110	11/16	¾	1 11/16	2 9/16	2¾	3¾
Tr 11¾% 03/07 (*£121)	114	7 7/16	8 7/16	—	¾	13/16	—
	116	5¾	6¾	7 7/16	7/16	1¾	2 1/16
	118	4 7/16	5¾	6¾	15/16	2¾	[illegible]
	120	3 3/16	4 7/16	5¾	1¾	2¾	3¾
	122	2 1/16	3¾	4¾	2¾	3¾	4¾

	Series	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
FT-SE Index (*2052)	1700	355	372	—	—	½	1	—	—
	1750	305	322	—	—	½	1	—	—
	1800	255	272	290	—	½	2	4	—
	1850	205	223	243	—	½	3	7	—
	1900	155	180	198	—	½	7	13	—
	1950	105	137	157	180	¾	17	23	30
	2000	55	83	120	137	2	27	38	48
	2050	12	58	87	107	17	47	55	68

March 27, 1987. Total contracts 42345. Calls 31586. Puts 10759. FT-SE Index. Calls 824. Puts 2158. *Underlying security price.

WALL STREET

Dow loses early gain

New York (Agencies) – Shares moved lower in early trading yesterday after opening attempts at a rally failed. One trader explained: "The market's on the defensive today." The opening strength was attributed to "buy" orders from Japan, but after one hour of trading the market's direction was decisively downwards.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell by 6 points to 2,366.59, after being up by 7 points in the first 10 minutes. Declining shares outnumbered rising ones by three to two on a turnover of 43 million shares.

Conrail, which was offered to investors for the first time at 28 on Thursday, rose by ¾ to 31.

	Mar 26	Mar 25
AMR Cp	55	54¼
ASA	57¾	60¼
Aetna Life	66¾	66¾
Allied Signal	46¾	47¾
Allis Chalm	2¾	2¾
Alcoa	44¼	45¾
Amax Inc	19¼	19¼
AMR Hess	33¾	32¾
Am Brands	50¾	49¾
Am Can	50	51¾
Am Cynmd	96¾	96¾
Am Ele Pwr	28¾	28¾
Amex	78¼	78¾
Am Home	89¼	89¾
Am Motors	4¾	4¼
Am Stand	50¾	50¾
Am Telph	24¾	24¾
Amoco Cp	83¾	82¾
Armco Steel	9	8¾
Asarco Inc	22¾	23¾
Ashland Oil	62¼	63¾
Atl Richfld	80¾	77¾
Avon Prod	32	32¾
Bk Boston	34	33¾
Bank NY	42¾	43
Bankamer	12¼	12¾
Bkrs Tst NY	47¾	47¾
Beth Steel	8¾	8¾
Boeing	53½	52¾
Boise Casc	84¾	84¼
Borden	59¾	59¾
Borg Warnr	41¼	41¼
Brist Myer	105¼	106¾
BP	69¾	57¾
Brunswick	46¾	47¾
Burl Ind	46¼	47¼
Burl Nth	69¾	69
CBS	156¾	159
CPC Int	51¾	52¾
Cax Cp	34	34¾
Cmpbell Sp	78	69¾
Can Pacific	19	19
Caterpillar	48¾	48
Centrl SW	35¾	35¾
Champion	42¾	41
Chase Man	39¾	39¾
Chem NY	45¾	45¾
Chevron	58	57¾
Chrysler	57	55¾
Citicorp	52¾	58¾
Clark Eq	24¾	52¾
Coca Cola	46¾	24¾
Colgate	48¾	47¾
Columb Gas	50¾	47¾
Cmb'tn Eng	37¾	30¾
Cmwlth Ed	36¾	36
Cons Edis	44½	36¾
Cn Nat Gas	41	44¾
Cons Pwr	19¾	40¾
Cont Data	30¾	19
Corning Gl	62¾	30¾
Crane	42¾	63
Curtiss Wrt	62	42¾
Data Genl	32¼	31¾
Deere Co	26¾	25¾
Delta Air	57	58¾
Detroit Ed	17¾	17¾
Digital Eq	162¾	165¾
Disney	64¾	63¾
Dow Chem	81¾	82¾
Dresser Ind	26¾	26¾
Dupont	117¾	117¾
Duke Pwr	47¾	47¾
East Kodak	81	79¾
Eaton Cp	80¾	80¾
Emerson El	107¾	108¾
Emery Air	12¼	12¾
Exxon	88	87¾
Fed Dpt Sts	102¾	98¾

	Mar 26	Mar 25
Firestone	36¾	36¾
Fst Chicago	29¾	29¾
Fst Int Bncp	60	59¾
Fst Penn C	11¼	10¾
FT Wachve	49¾	44¾
Ford Motor	84¼	88¾
GAF Cp	44	44¼
GTE Cp	41½	41¾
Gen Cp	112¾	114
Gn Dynam	73¾	73¾
Gen Elect	110¾	110¾
Gen Inst	28¾	28¾
Gen Mills	53¾	53¾
Gen Motors	79¾	79¾
Gen Pub Ut	26¾	26¾
Genesco	5¾	5¾
Georgia Pac	51¼	51
Gillette	59¾	59¾
Goodrich	57	58¾
Goodyear	54¾	54¾
Gould Inc	18¾	18¾
Grace Co	64¼	63¾
Grt Atl Pac	34¾	33¾
Greyhnd	37¾	36¾
Gruman	28¾	29¾
Gulf & West	78¾	79¾
Heinz	49	48¾
Hercules	58¼	58¾
Hewlett Pk	58¾	58¾
Honeywell	73¾	74
IC Ind	30¾	29¾
ITT Cp	63¾	63¾
INCO	16¾	16¾
Ingersoll	81¾	83¾
Inland Steel	23¾	23¾
IBM	154	155¾
Int Paper	109¾	108¾
Irving Bk	47	48¾
Jhsn & Jhsn	91½	90¾
K Mart Cp	66¾	65¾
Kaiser Alum	17¾	18
Kerr McGee	36¾	35¾
Kimbl Clark	117¾	116¾
Kraft	84	35¾
Kroger	35¾	62¾
LTV Cp	3¾	3¾
Litton	85	84¾
Lockheed	52¾	51¼
Lucky Str	31½	31¼
Man H'nver	42¾	44¾
Manville	2¾	2¾
Mapco	64¾	64¾
Marine Mid	47¾	47¾
Mt Marrieta	50¾	51¼
Masco	40¾	40¾
Mcdonalds	81¾	81¼
McDonnell	80¾	79¾
Mead Cp	70¾	70¾
Merck	162¾	160¾
Minsta Mng	132¾	131¼
Mobil	49¾	49¾
Monsanto	81	80¾
Morgan Jp	44¾	44¾
Motorola	55	55¼
NCR	67½	68¾
NL Indstrs	6¾	6¾
Nat Distill	65¾	65¾
Nat Med Ent	29¾	29
Nat Semi	15¾	15¾
Norfolk Sth	97¾	97¾
NW Bancrp	40¾	40¾
Occid Pet	34¾	33¾
Ogden Cp	66	68¾
Olin Cp	51¼	51¾
PPG Ind	48¾	48¾
Pac Gas El	25¾	25¾
Pan Am	4½	4½
Penney JC	99¾	99¾
Pennzoil	82½	81¾

	Mar 26	Mar 25
Pepsico	34¾	34¾
Pfizer	74¾	74¾
Phelps Dod	30¾	31¾
Philip Mor	88¾	87¾
Philip Ptrl	15¾	15¾
Polaroid	70	69¾
Proct Gble	93¾	93¾
Pub Svc Eg	41½	41½
Raytheon	81¾	82¾
Rynlds Met	64	65
Rockwell Int	60¾	59¾
Royal Dutch	120¾	118¾
SFE Sopac	36¾	37¾
Sara Lee	48¾	48¾
Schlumb	40¾	40¾
Scott Pap	79¾	81¾
Seagram	78¾	77¾
Sears Roeb	52¾	52¾
Shell Trans	82¾	81¾
Singer	47¾	47¾
Smthkln Bk	109¾	109
Sony Cp	20¾	20¾
Sth Cal Edi	34¾	34¾
SW Bell	117¾	118¾
Std Oil	71¾	64¾
Sterl Drug	55¾	55¾
Stevens JP	41¾	41¾
Sun Comp	69¾	67¾
TRW Inc	103¾	103¾
Teledyne	335¾	334¾
Tenneco	48¾	48¾
Texaco	37¾	37¾
Tex Eastn	35¾	35¾
Tex Inst	185¾	187¾
Tex Util	34	33¾
Textron	69¾	69¾
Travelers	50¾	50¾
UAL Inc	61¼	62¾
USG	41¾	41¾
USX Cp	28	27¾
Unilever NV	277	275
Un Carbide	29¾	29¾
Un Pac Cp	79	78¾
Unisys Cp	102¾	102¾
Utd Brands	46¾	48¾
Utd Tech	51¾	52¾
Unocal	37¾	36¾
Walter Jim	61¾	61¾
Warn Lamb	77¾	77¾
Wells Far	50¾	50¾
Westg El	65¾	64¾
Weyerhsr	58¾	57¾
Whirlpool	39¾	40¾
Woolworth	50¾	49¾
Xerox Cp	77¾	76¾
Zenith	24¾	24¾

CANADIAN PRICES

	Mar 26	Mar 25
Agnco Eag	32¾	32¾
Alcan Alum	51	52¾
Algoma Stl	14¾	14¾
Can Pacific	24¾	24¾
Cominco	17¾	17¾
Con Bathrst	19¾	19¾
Hawk S Can	26¾	27¾
Hud Bay M	26¾	28¾
Imasco	39¾	39
Imperial Oil	65¾	66¾
Int Pipe	48¾	48¾
Royl Trstco	34¾	34¾
Seagram	101	101¾
Shelco 'A'	24¾	25¾
Thmsn N 'A'	32¾	32¾
Varity Cp	3.00	3.10
WCT	16¾	16¾
Weston	38	38¾

THIRD MARKET

1986 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Change
250	180	Abelscot Group	245	255	+5
50	10	Aberdeen Am Petrol	31	34	–1
120	112	Allied Insurance	108	118	n/c
54	36	Catalyst Commercial	46	50	n/c
68	24	Corton Beach	60	65	n/c
155	121	Edenspring Inv	150	160	+10
63	10	Eglinton Oil Ireland	32	34	+2
41	8	*Do. Warrants*	18	20	+1
29	17	Publishing Holdings	28	30	n/c
55	46	Theme Holdings	48	51	+1
133	114½	Unit Group	112	117	n/c

MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

Base Rates %
Clearing Banks 10
Finance House 11

Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 10¾ Low 7
Week fixed: 9¾

Treasury Bills (Discount %)
Buying 2 mnth 9 5/16; 3 mnth 9 7/16
Selling 2 mnth 9 7/16; 3 mnth 9 5/16

Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)
1 mnth 9 13/16-9 23/32 2 mnth 9¾-9¾
3 mnth 9¾-9¾ 6 mnth 9¾-9

Trade Bills (Discount %)
1 mnth 10 7/16 2 mnth 10¼
3 mnth 10¾ 6 mnth 9¾

Interbank (%)
Overnight: open 10¾ close 7
1 week 10¾-10 6 mnth 9 11/16-9 9/16
1 mnth 10-9 15/16 9 mnth 9¾-9¾
3 mnth 9 25/32-9¾ 12 mth 9¾-9½

Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 days 9¾ 7 days 9¾
1 mnth 9¾ 3 mnth 9¾
6 mnth 9¼ 12 mth 8¾

Local Authority Bonds (%)
1 mnth 10-9¾ 2 mnth 9¾-9¾
3 mnth 9¾-9½ 6 mnth 9½-9¾
9 mnth 9½-9¾ 12 mth 9½-9¾

Sterling CDs (%)
1 mnth 9 15/16-9¾ 3 mnth 9 11/16-9 9/16
6 mnth 9 17/32-9 13/32 12 mth 9 13/32-9¼

Dollar CDs (%)
1 mnth 6.45-6.40 3 mnth 6.40-6.35
6 mnth 6.40-6.35 12 mth 6.50-6.45

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Dollar call 6½-5¾
7 days 6¼-6¾ 1 mnth 6 7/16-6 5/16
3 mnth 6 7/16-6 5/16 6 mnth 6½-6¾
Deutschmark call 4¼-3¾
7 days 3¾-3¾ 1 mnth 3¾-3¾
3 mnth 3 15/16-3 13/16 6 mnth 4-3¾
French Franc call 8-7
7 days 7 15/16-7¾ 1 mnth 8-7 13/16
3 mnth 8-7 13/16 6 mnth 8-7 13/16
Swiss Franc call 1½-¾
7 days 11½-11¼ 1 mnth 4 1/16-3 15/16
3 mnth 3 15/16-3 13/16 6 mnth 3¾-3¾
Yen call 4¼-3¾
7 days 5-4¾ 1 mnth 4¾-4¾
3 mnth 4 1/16-3 15/16 6 mnth 4 1/16-3 15/16

BULLION

Gold:$416.50-417.00
Krugerrand (per coin, ex vat):
$ 420.00-423.00 (£262.00-264.00)
Sovereigns (new, ex vat):
$ 99.50-100.50 (£62.00-62.75)
Platinum
$ 553.50 (£345.05)
Silver
$ 6.0700-6.0900 (£3.7850-3.8000)

TREASURY BILLS

Applicts: £371.7M allotted: £100M
Bids: £97.67% received: 27%
Last week: £97.725% received: 70%
Avge rate: £9.3157% last wk £9.1104%
Next week: £100M replace £100M

ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV Average reference rate for interest period January 31, 1987 to February 27, 1987 inclusive: 10.895 per cent.

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES

Admiral Comp (150p)	178
Barbour Indx (215p)	380 +5
Br Airways (aa)	130½ +1½
Capital radio (105p)	186 –3
Castle Comm (200p)	225 +9
Dale Group (110p)	128
Glentree (16p)	61 –2
Hewetson (70p)	89
Hobson Pub (250p)	365
Hornby (100p)	111
JSB Elec. (115p)	135 +2
Lloyds Chemist (105p)	190
Lon & Metro (145p)	250 +7
MIL (144p)	198 –1
Mallett (120p)	201 –4
Misys PLC (95p)	130 –3
Nobo (152p)	177 +4
Perpetual (180p)	200 +4
Plum Hldgs (90p)	174
Prism Leisure (120p)	150 –1
RCO (95p)	101
Regina H Beauty (20p)	40
Sanders Sydney (100p)	142
Scandinavian Bk (210p)	269
Sinclair G S (90p)	97 –1
Thornton G W (135p)	173
TSB Group (100p)	86¼ +½
Virgin (140p)	159 –2
Ward Group (97p)	187 +3
Wilson Bowden (130p)	145

RIGHTS ISSUES

Allebone N/P	11 +3
Burgess F/P	291 +8
City Site Est F/P	£115
Cookson F/P	610 +2
Ladbroke N/P	56 –1
Pict Pet N/P	3½ –2½
Widney N/P	11 +1
Wiggins F/P	168 +2

(Issue price in brackets).

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STOCK MARKET

Takeover talk lifts Thorn 23p despite gloom over Inmos

By Michael Clark

It has been quite a week for **Thorn EMI**, the electronics and consumer goods group, which finished on a high note yesterday with a rise of 23p to 649p.

Almost 9 million shares were traded yesterday with the group constantly being tipped as a likely takeover target. The price opened on Monday at 618p and, after dipping to 601p, bounced back on renewed support, helped by the continuing consumer boom.

But Mr Richard Harwood, an analyst at Morgan Grenfell Securities, still believes Thorn is overpriced.

He says: "The shares are high enough at present. I'm not chasing the price higher at these levels."

While the rest of the market is attracted by consumer stocks, Mr Harwood remains worried by Thorn's troubled Inmos subsidiary and says a lot still depends on turning round the group's North American music business. He is expecting pretax profits to climb from £104.7 million to £143 million for the current year which ends next week and has already pencilled in £172.5 million for 1988.

He admits that Thorn remains vulnerable to a bid, but does not take the threat too seriously. He explained: "Thorn goes with the market. Earlier this year, I wouldn't have given you 500p for the shares, but the goal posts have since been moved."

Elsewhere in electricals, GEC fell 6p to 211p as 12 million shares were traded. Word went round the market in late trading that the weekend Press would highlight problems with the group's contract with the Ministry of Defence for its Foxhunter radar system.

The rest of the equity was busy confounding the experts who had expected it to open sharply lower. Instead, it shrugged off worries about the Government's performance in the latest opinion polls and the Bank of England's reluctance to cut interest rates despite the better-than-expected trade figures.

After a hesitant start, it continued to improve throughout the day and, despite a touch of profit-taking later on, managed to close with creditable gains on the day among the leaders.

The FT index of top 30 shares scored a rise of 5.7 at 1,620.6, having been 15.5 points higher earlier in the session. The broader FT-SE 100 also closed higher, 10.8 up at 2,048.6.

Gilts suffered losses stretching to more than £1 at the longer end, disappointed that the move towards cheaper money had been slowed down. The situation was made worse by the Government Broker issuing an extra £250 million of existing tap stocks.

Oil shares, cheered by the firmer oil price, scored further gains. The price of North Sea crude for April delivery rose by one-quarter of a cent to $18.47 a barrel.

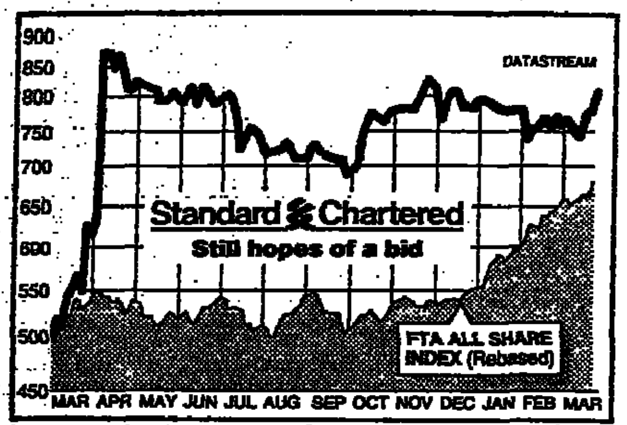
BP advanced another 18p to 936p — making a two-day lead of 47p — following this week's proposed $7.4 billion acquisition of the remaining shares in Standard Oil. There were also rises for **Shell** of 8p to £12.56 and **Britoil**, 10p to 245p.

● **Bowater Industries stood out with a rise of 15p to a new peak of 471p yesterday. Word is that Warburg Securities has increased its forecast of pretax profits for 1986, due next month, to £44 million against other market estimates of £41 million. That compares with £32.4 million last time.**

Among the leaders, institutional support lifted **Hanson Trust** 5p to 163p as 25 million shares changed hands. The market still reckons Hanson is flexing its muscles for another "mega-bid."

The big four clearing banks opened lower, still worried by the controversy over foreign debts and, despite attempts at a rally, closed with losses on the day. **Barclays** shed 1p to 508p, **Lloyds**, 3p to 466p, **Midland**, 1p to 641p and **National Westminster**, 4p to 600p.

But **Standard Chartered** again pushed higher — by 20p to 836p — despite full-year figures earlier this week, showing pretax profits down from £268 million to £254 million. The group blamed bad debts in the Far East for the downturn.



The Standard Chartered share price is now 118p above the level it stood at last July when it fought off a £1.2 billion bid from Lloyds Bank. Standard was saved by a trio of white knights in the form of Sir Yue-Kong Pao, the Hong Kong property and shipping magnate, Tan Sri Khoo Teck Puat, a Malaysian businessman, and Mr Robert Holmes à Court, the Australian entrepreneur. Between them, they held about 27 per cent of the shares.

But this week's trading news has done little to convince marketmen that Standard Chartered will keep its independence much longer. There is talk that, with the share price once again edging toward its peak of of 895p, the group is overdue for a bid. Some marketmen are even saying that Lloyds Bank feels it was cheated and may even try again in the summer. But still others are betting on a full bid from Mr Holmes à Court.

Lonrho, the overseas trader, was again scaling fresh heights with a rise of 10p to 286p. There has been some hefty turnover of the shares on the traded options market where Alexanders, Laing & Cruickshank has been a big buyer of "call" options.

There was renewed activity among the mining finance houses. **Rio Tinto-Zinc** led the way higher with a leap of 53p to 812p as 4.4 million shares changed hands following an article in this column yesterday. Some brokers claim the share price has underperformed the market by 25 per cent and is discounting all the bad news.

Consolidated Gold Fields, which burst through the £9 level earlier this week, strengthened its position with a rise of 37p to 949p on a turnover of 1.1 million shares. There has been strong American support for the shares this week, helped by hopes that its gold-mining interests will soon be floated off separately and the recovery in the strength of the South African rand.

Among the big insurance composites, **Commercial Union** attracted plenty of support on hopes of a bid. The price eventually closed all-square at 333p with turnover reaching 5.3 million shares. This brings the total number of shares traded this week to 11 million. A bid from the US remains the market's best hope.

In the Unlisted Securities Market, **Castle Promotions**, the compact disc producer, ran into profit-taking after first-time dealings on Thursday. The price ended all-square at 225p compared with the placing price of 200p.

Meanwhile, **Securiguard Group**, the security and industrial cleaning specialist, continued its advance, following the appearance this week of a big buyer of 250,000 shares. The price climbed by another 10p, to an all-time high of 185p yesterday — making a rise on the week of 24p.

● **FRANKFURT:** Leading share prices ended an extremely active session with big gains yesterday. The Commerzbank index, calculated at midsession, jumped 40.9 to 1,779.4.

● **BAT Industries advanced a further 8p to 549p yesterday after figures this week showing pretax profits up from £1.17 billion to £1.39 billion. The shares have risen 29p on the week and look cheap long-term. Greenwell Montagu, the broker, is said to be a big fan of the shares.**

● **TOKYO:** Share prices soared on record volume to an all-time high, with the Nikkei Dow Jones index jumping 467.87 to 22,026.66.

● **HONG KONG:** Most share prices finished higher in moderate trading. The Hang Seng index, which lost more than six points in the initial hour of trading, rose in the afternoon and finished 15.62 higher at 2,798.74.

Selective buying by both foreign and local investors helped the recovery.

● **SINGAPORE:** Stock prices eased in fairly quiet trading, although some late buying brought the market off its lows. The *Straits Times* industrial index closed at 1,080.04, down 2.12.

There was no firm trend, with one broker describing the mood as one of consolidation, while another said the market was moving sideways. No big buyers or sellers were seen in the market, and a participant said foreign players were generally keeping a lower profile than on previous days.

● **SYDNEY:** Shares rallied in the afternoon to overcome earlier weakness and ended the day little changed. The All-Ordinary index closed up 0.8 at 1,690.9.

ALPHA STOCKS

Company	Volume '000	Company	Volume '000	Company	Volume '000
Allied-Lyons	1,100	Gen Accident	29	Redland	797
Amstrad	6,000	GEC	12,000	Reckitt Colman	94
ASDA-MFI	2,000	Glaxo	1,100	Reed Int	323
Ass Br Foods	444	Globe IT	170	Reuters	1,900
BET	1,900	Granada	316	RMC Group	42
BTR	3,600	Grand Met	2,100	RTZ	44,000
BAT	4,900	GUS 'A'	136	Rowntree	698
Barclays	1,300	GRE	185	Royal B of Scot	654
Bass	255	GKN	240	Royal Ins	582
Beecham	2,300	Guinness	3,100	Saatchi	1,200
Blue Circle	266	Hammerson Pry 'A'	357	Sainsbury (J)	452
BOC	455	Hanson	24,000	Scot Newell	142
Boots	1,300	Hawker Siddeley	40	Sears	6,200
BPB Ind	172	Hillsdown	1,200	Sedgwick Gp	1,400
BPCC	382	Imp Chem Ind	3,300	Shell	3,800
Br Aerospace	2,500	Imp Cont Gas	292	Smith & Nephew	5,000
Br Airways	—	Jaguar	1,600	STC	12,000
Br Gas	19,000	Ladbroke	940	Stan Chart	1,700
Br Petroleum	9,500	Land Securities	2,600	Storehouse	1,000
Br Telecom	4,200	Legal & Gen	766	Sun Alliance	257
Britoil	7,900	Lloyds	1,200	Tarmac	402
Bunzl	261	Lonhro	6,300	TSB P/P	10,000
Burton	963	Marks & Spencer	4,600	Tesco	242
Cable & Wireless	2,100	MEPC	800	Thorn EMI	8,600
Cadbury Schwep	5,200	Midland	447	Trafalgar House	1,300
Coats Viyella	895	Nat West	687	Trusthouse Forte	3,400
Com Union	5,300	P & O Dfrd	924	Unigate	540
Cons Goldfields	1,100	Pearson	227	Unilever	245
Cookson Gp	401	Pilkington Bros	466	Utd Biscuits	859
Courtaulds	1,100	Plessey	2,400	Wellcome	3,800
Dee Corp	6,400	Prudential	451	Willis Faber	1,100
Dixons Gp	3,600	Racal Elect	4,600	Whitbread 'A'	1,200
English China	619	Rank Org	445	Woolworth	1,200
Fisons	2,100	Rank Hovis	2,900	Stock prices on page 29	

COMMENT

Taxing times for the Lloyd's syndicates

The Inland Revenue has the image, doubtless unfair, of being willing to make a million innocent people suffer in order that a single miscreant may be brought to book. That, or something close, is what it is now doing at Lloyd's where many names are anxiously awaiting the outcome of negotiations on how the Chancellor's Budget proposals on "reinsurance to close" payments are to be implemented.

As outlined, they could lead to some extraordinary results. The most surreal is that having made a loss according to established Lloyd's accounting practices, some syndicates and their members may face a bill for tax on notional profits as calculated by the taxman.

Even if they are not about to be taxed on losses, syndicates are deeply concerned that the size of their tax liabilities in future may be substantially higher under the new proposals sketchily outlined in the Budget. Until the air is cleared by more detailed proposals, it will be difficult to persuade some names that the Revenue's determination to pursue matters has nothing whatsover to do with the misdeeds of a handful of those who have in the past abused the reinsurance-to-close arrangements.

The problem area lies in the means by which syndicates tidy up outstanding matters at the end of each accounting period. At present syndicate members make a payment to those who are members of the syndicate for the succeeding year in exchange for assuming outstanding liabilities of the closing year. This payment is known as the reinsurance to close.

After a dispute lasting some years, the Revenue has apparently decided that under the law as its stands, the reinsurance to close is allowable as charge against profits. Never daunted, it is aiming to change the law, probably to treat such payments as if they were provisions or reserves as made by insurance companies, not syndicates, when closing their accounts.

These provisions are themselves deductible only if they relate to specific liabilities, or have been computed according to a specific statistical convention. General provisions, however, are not deductible for tax purposes. The Revenue appears to feel that Lloyd's present methods are too cautious, leading to loss of tax revenue.

Some accountants with sizeable Lloyd's audit work, see the changes involved as largely technical: of switching to the more mathematical reserving and provisioning procedures which are standard practice in the insurance company world. But around Lime Street there is growing unease about the relevance of corporate practice to syndicates operating on an entirely different legal basis.

One of the proposals expected by names is that the Revenue will wish to take account of future investment income which might be earned on the cash paid under the reinsurance-to-close arrangements. Even the accountants support the view that this change could be fraught with difficulty. By discounting future income, the Revenue would be able to reduce the amount of premium allowable aganist tax, so inflating the tax liabilities of syndicates.

Lloyd's own solvency requirements are conservative in this respect and do not permit this discounting process. The discounting approach could seriously affect the profitability of syndicates which write long-term business.

If the Revenue insists on the discounting treatment and reinsurance-to-close payments are treated as provisions, then the Alice-in-Wonderland possibility of paying tax on zero profit or even a loss is then opened up. For part of the payment would not be deducted for tax and would be added back as taxable income.

Some senior Lloyd's people now feel that weighty matters of principle are at stake. They feel it would be a serious error of judgement to treat syndicates as if they were corporate bodies with a permanent legal existence. Syndicates operate on a year-by-year basis and are, in effect, groups of individuals doing business as sole traders with unlimited liability. All income must be distributed annually, and there is no means of building up reserves of accrued profits against a rainy day.

The Budget proposals threaten to introduce a system where names are providing future loss reserves out of income taxed at 60 per cent. Worse, it opens the possibility of the Revenue subjectively reassessing the judgement of insurance professionals over what level of provisions is appropriate in necessarily grey areas like claims incurred but not reported.

Lloyd's men would not deny the tax authorities the right to such scrutiny. But they feel that their judgement, for that essentially is what it amounts to, supported by the "true and fair" certification by their auditors should be given the benefit of the doubt.

The effect of all this could be damaging to capacity in long-term business for which Lloyd's is the prime market, such as professional liability, medical malpractice, product liability, manufacturers' liability and all classes of catastrophe cover. And it may significantly reduce the attractions to names of remaining members of such syndicates. There is a limit to the number of those willing to be taxed at 60 per cent on money which they have never been paid and are never likely to receive in future.

John Bell
City Editor

TEMPUS

Critical week for RHM bid

Lots of custard pies are being thrown in the Ranks Hovis McDougall bid battle for Avana Group, which now enters a critical week. But much more than pies will be needed if RHM wants to win.

RHM has until Friday to decide whether its 12-for-five paper terms are to be improved which, on present prices, values each Avana share at 786p against Avana's own market price of 765p.

After RHM's interim forecast yesterday, which suggests pretax profits will rise by 30 per cent to £52.5 million — but because of higher tax net-earnings will improve by only 15.7 per cent — not too many people were impressed, so there can be no great come-on in the vital days ahead to accept RHM paper unless the bid terms are improved.

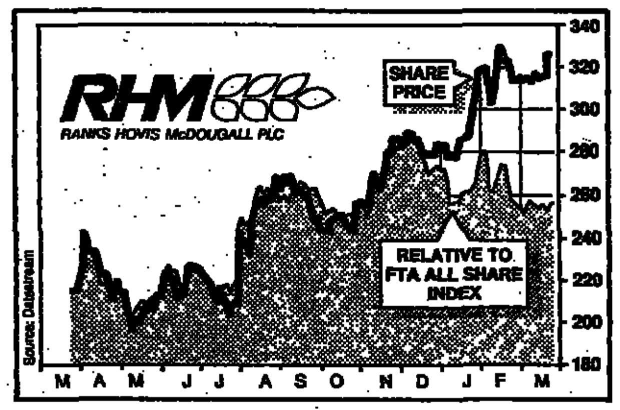
The cash alternative of 696p certainly needs a nudge because Avana shares are comfortably ahead of that level and, helped by its profit projections, a further run in the Avana price cannot be ruled out.

RHM's interim statement curtain-raiser has, however, encouraged analysts to fine-tune their estimates of what RHM might be expected to turn out for the full year to end-August from £106 million to £108 million, compared with an actual £90.8 million seen last year.

RHM believes that the 30 per cent rise at the pretax level during a time when competition was still tough is not a bad performance. Growth was achieved across the board, and results re-emphasize the growth seen year-on-year since 1982.

Avana, for its part, scoffs at RHM's return on capital employed, arguing that even in its own worst year its return at 26.9 per cent was higher than that seen at RHM.

Jostling points will continue to be sought while the bid runs but meanwhile Ranks Hovis itself is not immune from bid talks. Ever since S&W Berisford sold its 4.6 per cent stake in Ranks to the Australian food producer Goodman Fielder, which is complemented by a further 4.9 per cent stake held by New Zealand interests, Ranks has been billed as a takeover target.



If RHM fails to secure Avana — which it believes would be a good commercial fit — then it could well set its sights on another target.

Meanwhile, something which will go down well is RHM's intention to raise the interim dividend by 25 per cent to 2.65p a share. Come year-end, the final should go up as well.

For the moment, sit tight. The real excitement is about to begin.

Cambridge Instrument

It sounds too good to be true. A heroic rescue by a nuclear physicist-turned-entrepreneur, a recovery from a loss of £3 million to profits of more than £7 million, an increase in the asset-backing from nothing to above £70 million and a sizeable acquisition at a modest price — and all in under eight years.

Yet this is what has happened at Cambridge Instrument, which is returning to the stock market next week after an absence of nearly 20 years.

As for assessing the prospects, the water is still muddied by the acquisition of Reichert-Jung in 1986, making it hard to see the underlying trends of the business.

The highly-cyclical semiconductor manufacturing equipment market accounts for 13 per cent of sales. However, the prospectus does not disclose the effect a 50 per cent drop in volume has had on profits. Although this business is not losing money and margins are broadly maintained, profits are well down. The experts say the worst is over and they are expecting a pick-up in 1988.

Reichert-Jung's product range and markets are complementary to those of Cambridge and it is thriving under the protection of its new parent.

Lack of marketing support and direction led it to lose its dominant position in the US to the Japanese competition. A fall in market share from well above 50 per cent to about 15 per cent accounts for much of the the swing in Reichert's fortunes from a pretax profit of £11.6 million in 1983 to a loss of £2.6 million in 1985.

Cambridge has streamlined the Reichert production facilities and workforce in its principal plant in Buffalo, New York State, and rationalized the number of suppliers. The business is now in better shape and profitable. Plans to widen its product range should help it to regain some market share.

The tax charge is unusually low this year and should rise to about 35 per cent by next year. Earnings per share could, therefore, be lower in 1987-88 than in the current year.

On the price of 130p and 35 per cent tax, Cambridge is on a p/e of 19.2 and is suitably placed between its closest rivals, Oxford Instruments on a p/e of 17.4 and VG Instruments on a well-deserved premium p/e of 21.1.

Worries about semi-conductors, the recovery of Reichert and a rising tax charge may deter the sceptics looking for short-term performance. However, in the longer term, the international flavour of Cambridge's business should enable it to continue to recover and to grow at least as fast as the competition.

Boddingtons' Breweries

The brewers have been bouncing back into the popularity charts recently, partly on a revival of speculative interest but also because trading prospects for most of them look encouraging.

Against this background, the Manchester based Boddingtons' Breweries which now operates about 500 public houses, yesterday reported a rise in pretax profits for last year from £11.7 million to £14.4 million.

This was more than most analysts forecast. They had not anticipated Boddingtons taking £1.3 million profits on disposal of properties above the line. Property sales will continue go on although not always producing this sort of windfall.

So the underlying profit growth was about 14 per cent as some of the benefits from the acquisition of the Liverpool brewer Higsons — bought in June, 1985, at £26 million — began to flow through.

A lot of work is being done on improving public houses and by the end of this year 48 of the 150 chain will have been refurbished and progressive benefits will be obtained.

At the same time Boddingtons is also expanding its catering interests which should go some way to compensate for what is otherwise a public house trade operating in a less than buoyant part of the country.

The stock market expressed its disappointment with the figures, marking the shares down 5p at 140p. The analysts feel that Boddingtons is a share for tomorrow with more exciting prospects around for today.

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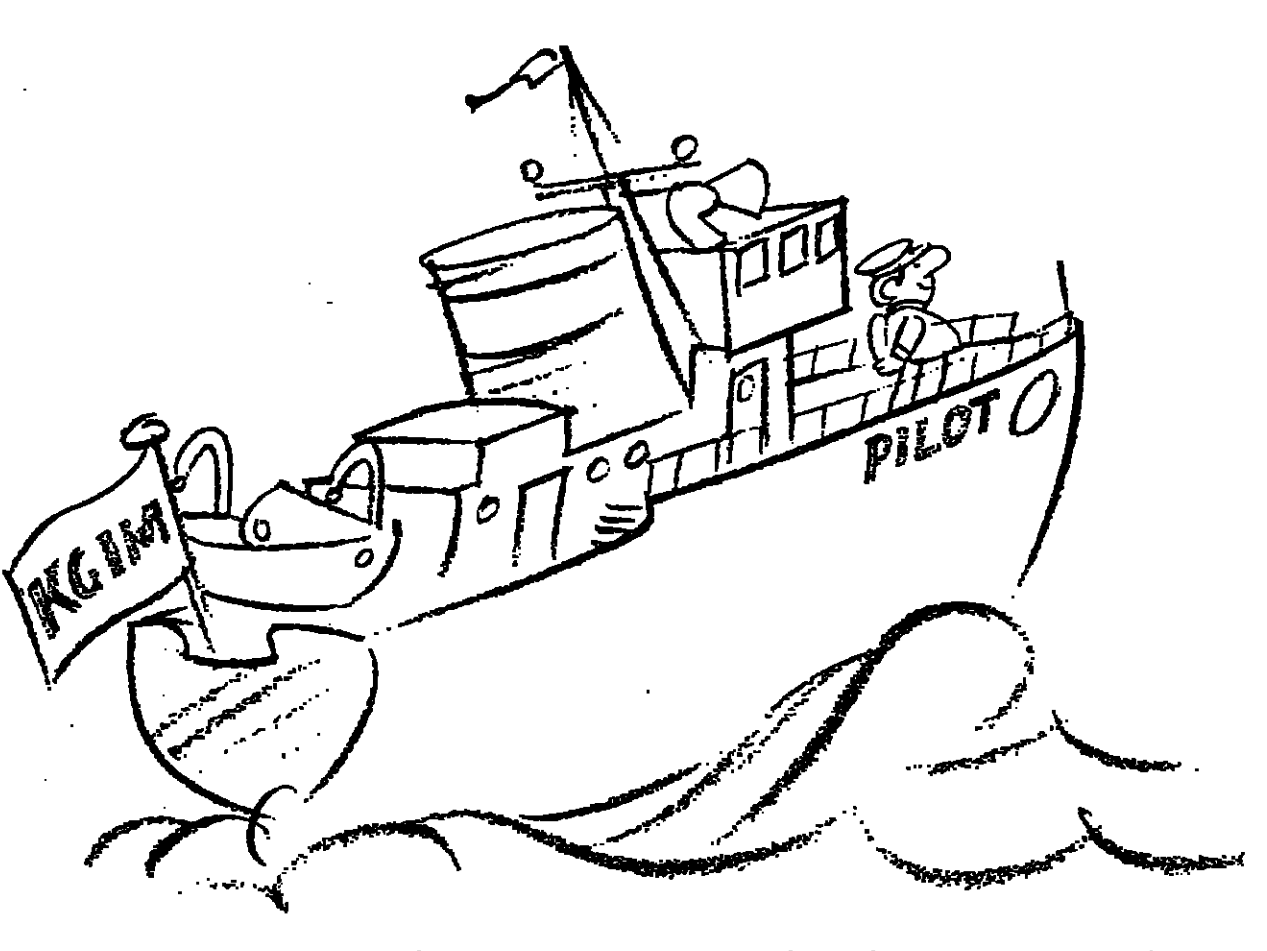

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THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 80, Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL 0345 717373 (Linkline)				
Gilt & Fixed	112.7	119.2●	-1.6	10.07
High Inc Equity	121.1	128.8c	+0.3	4.04
Worldwide Bond	195.9	208.3●	+0.3	4.86
American Growth	174.6	185.7	+0.2	0.78
Asian Pacific	67.7	72.0		1.57
Assets & Earns	143.5	152.6	-0.9	1.67
Capital Reserve	71.3	71.7●	+0.7	1.41
Comm & Energy	137.7	146.4●	+3.9	0.78
European Capital	94.4	100.4c	+0.4	1.26
General	166.1	176.6	-0.2	2.41
Japan	80.6	85.7	+0.3	
UK Growth Inc	143.9	153.0c	-0.5	1.09
Do Accum	208.1	221.3c	-0.7	0.71
US Emerging Co's	83.0	87.8	+0.1	0.07
Equities Progress	266.4	283.4	+0.5	2.54
Masterfd.Acc	78.4	83.3	+0.9	1.97
American Inc	53.1	56.4	-0.1	4.65
AETNA UNIT TRUSTS LTD 401 St John Street London EC1V 4QE 01-837 6494				
Australian	77.4	82.8	+1.3	
Europe Growth Acc	117.4	125.0●	+0.5	1.24
Exempt	375.5	398.9●	+0.5	4.18
Far Eastern	209.6	223.1●		0.10
Fin & Prop	77.3	81.9●	+0.2	2.13
High Yield	72.8	77.1	+0.1	4.48
Income & Gth	311.8	330.3●	+0.2	3.73
Intl Earnings	198.5	210.3c		2.13
Ins Growth Inc	96.5	102.8●	+0.4	0.57
Japan Growth Acc	990.3	1049.0●	+0.5	3.73
Nat Resources Inc	248.7	264.9c	+4.6	
Nth Amer Gth Inc	132.1	141.3	-0.4	0.80
Preference Inc	121.9	129.1c	+0.2	10.21
Small Co's Div Inc	82.2	87.1	-0.6	4.01
Small Co's Gth	283.1	299.9●	+1.3	1.35
Special Sits Inc	152.2	161.2	+1.1	1.39
UK Growth	407.6	431.6c	-0.7	2.42
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS Allied Dunbar Centre Swindon SN1 1EL 0793 610366 & 0793 28291				
UK Special Sits	283.3	300.2●	+0.6	2.88
Growth & Income	160.6	170.2●	-0.3	3.01

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
North American	64.7	68.8	+0.3	1.29
Orient	91.6	97.4	+1.5	0.30
Exempt	292.5	311.1	+0.2	2.03
Recovery	68.4	72.3	-0.2	1.18
German	29.9	31.9	+0.3	0.48
Technology	139.8	149.5	+1.9	0.30
Europe	22.9	24.7●	+0.2	0.78
BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT The Stock Exchange London EC2P 2JT 01-588 2868				
Fellowship Inc	82.3	86.3●		2.20
General Inc (4)	293.7	312.5	+10.9	1.76
Do Accum (4)	481.1	503.9	+17.5	1.76
Income Fund (3)	128.3	134.1		4.10
Do Accum (3)	229.3	239.8		4.10
Intl Inc (2)	152.3	159.8●		0.95
Do Accum (2)	203.1	211.8●		0.95
Smaller Inc (5)	82.7	87.4●		1.38
Do Accum	88.5	93.9●		1.38
CS FUND MANAGERS 125, High Holborn, London WC1V 6PY 01-242 1148				
CS Japan Fund	94.0	100.0	+0.4	0.50
CANNON FUND MANAGERS 1, Olympic Way Wembley, HA9 0NB 01-902 8876				
Growth	354.0	374.6		2.55
Income	412.8	436.9	-1.1	3.88
Far East	246.6	262.4c	+0.2	0.24
North American	171.7	182.7c		0.50
Global	56.2	58.4●	-0.2	0.78
European	55.6	59.0	-0.2	1.27
Japan	59.1	62.9	-0.2	0.50
CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT PO Box 551 Bevis Marks London EC3 7JQ 01-621 0011				
Capital	436.1	464.0c	-1.6	1.51
Income	358.3	381.2c		3.93
North American	332.1	353.3c	+1.7	0.71
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND 2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 01-588 1815				

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
0203 553231				
UK Growth Accum	185.2	197.0	-0.3	2.64
Do Income	158.8	168.9	-0.2	2.64
Higher Inc Accum	320.2	340.6	+0.1	3.65
Do Income	252.9	269.0	-0.2	3.65
Gilts/Fixed Accum	106.5	112.4●	-1.5	8.09
Do Income	86.0	90.5●	-1.2	8.09
Nth Amer Tst Accum	153.4	163.1	+1.0	0.00
Far East Tst Accum	178.6	189.8	+0.1	0.00
Euro Tst Accum	163.7	174.1	+0.7	0.69
General Trust	288.8	307.2●	-0.2	2.62
F & C UNIT MANAGEMENT 1, Laurence Pountney Hill, London EC4R 0BA 01-623 4680				
US Smaller Co's	77.1	82.1	+0.7	0.18
Capital Fund	122.9	130.8●	+0.4	0.17
UK Income Fund	89.9	95.7●	-0.7	4.14
Far Eastern Fund	77.8	82.8	+0.5	0.09
Overseas Income	75.8	80.7		3.32
Fixed Interest	52.7	55.8	-0.1	8.71
Natural Res Fund	66.4	70.7	+1.0	2.44
European Income	83.7	89.1●	+0.3	2.82
Financials Fund	55.2	58.8	+0.2	2.65
FS INVESTMENT MANAGERS 190, West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA 041-332 3132				
Balanced Gth Inc	61.7	65.6c	+0.4	1.40
Do Accum	63.0	67.0c	+0.4	
Income Gth Inc	52.8	56.2	+0.1	5.30
Do Accum	56.6	60.2	+0.1	
Service Co's Inc	70.0	74.5	+0.3	1.00
Do Accum	71.2	75.7	+0.3	
Higher Inc	29.0	30.9		7.00
Do acc	29.0	30.9		
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD River Walk, Tonbridge, TN9 1DY 0732 361144				
American	122.5	130.4	-0.5	0.80
Amer Equity Income	35.3	37.6		3.73
Amer Special Sits	58.0	61.8	+0.1	0.01
Australia	40.3	42.7	+0.8	2.09
European	49.8	52.8	-0.2	
European Inc	23.8	25.2	-0.1	3.98
Global Conv	24.0	25.4		5.40
Far East Inc	38.5	40.9		3.65

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 2 Honey La EC2 8BT 01-606 3085/6				
Sht Dtd Gilt Fund	72.5	73.7c	-0.3	8.00
US Govt Bond Fd	482.2	92.5	-0.1	
Challenger	51.1	51.4	-0.3	2.09
WINDSOR TRUST MANAGERS LTD Windsor House, 83, Kingsway, London WC2B 6SD 01-405 8331				
Conv & Equity	64.0	68.1	+1.4	5.74
Income	73.1	77.8	+0.2	3.71
Growth	74.0	78.8	-1.9	1.53

The prices in this section refer to Thursday's trading

● Ex dividend. c Cum dividend. k Cum stock split. s Ex stock split. m Cum all (any two or more of above). a Ex all (any two or more of above) Dealing or valuation days (1) Monday. (2) Tuesday. (3) Wednesday (4) Thursday. (5) Friday. (20) 25th of month. (21) 2nd Thursday of month. (22) 1st and 3rd Wednesday of month. (23) 20th of month (24) 3rd Tuesday of month (25) 1st and 3rd Thursday of month. (26) 4th Tuesday of month. (27) 1st Wednesday of month. (28) Last Thursday of month. (29) 3rd working day of month. (30) 16th of month. (31) 1st working day of month. (32) 20th of month. (33) 1st day of February, May, August, November (34) Last working day of month (35) 15th of month. (36) 14th of month. (37) 21st of month. (38) 3rd Wednesday of month. (39) 2nd Wednesday of month. (40) Valued monthly (41) Last Thursday of Stock Exchange account. (42) Last day of month. (43) 2nd and 4th Wednesday of month. (44) Quarterly. (45) 6th of month. (46) 2nd Tuesday of month.

UNLISTED SECURITIES

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1986/7 Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
80	Secs Tst of Scotland	111½	112½	+¼	4.3b	3.8	41.2
74	Smaller Cos	105	106½		2.0	1.9	74.1
110	TR Australia	118	120		3.3	2.8	35.5
59½	TR City Of Lon Dfd	75½	76½	-½	3.1	4.1	33.7
109	TR Ind & Gen	125	126½		2.9b	2.3	54.5
109	TR Natural Res	154	157	+1	5.9	3.8	33.5
97	TR North America	109	111		2.6b	2.4	52.8
144	TR Pacific Basin	212	213	+2	1.4	0.7	
45	TR Property	87	89	-1	1.9	2.2	98.7
112	TR Tech	139	141	+½	2.6	1.9	88.0
78	TR Trustees	114	116		3.1	2.7	51.1

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

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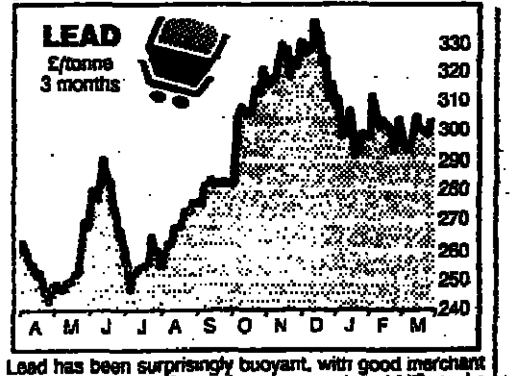

Lead has been surprisingly buoyant, with good merchant buying at the end of the winter season. Low LME stocks and large short positions to be covered in April have resulted in 3 month Lead testing resistance at £305/tonne, *but it has met good trade selling at that level. Comment by* GNI.

INTERNATIONAL PETROLEUM EXCHANGE
Supplied via Commodity Market Services Ltd

HEAVY FUEL OIL
Apr 103.0-99.5
May 93.50-96.0
Vol: 27

GAS OIL
Apr 147.25-47.00
May 147.50-45.50
Jun 146.75-46.25
Jul 146.00-44.50
Aug 147.00-40.00
Sep 148.00-45.50
Oct 150.00-43.50
Nov 152.00-43.50
Dec 152.00-43.50
Vol: 2827

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

SUGAR (From C. Czarnikow)
FOB
May 152.0-51.8
Aug 156.0-55.6
Oct 159.6-58.4
Dec 161.0-59.6
Mar 169.0-67.2
May 170.6-73.2
Vol: 3504

COCOA
Mar 1280-71
May 1303-02
Jul 1330-29
Sep 1348-47
Dec 1375-72
Mar 1399-98
May 1418-17
Vol: 4662

COFFEE
Mar 1254-252
May 1279-275
Jul 1293-291
Sep 1308-305
Nov 1332-328
Jan 1355-360
Mar 1380-360
Vol: 2325

SOYABEAN
Jun 114.5-13.5
Aug 109.5-09.0
Oct 110.5-09.5
Dec 113.0-12.0
Feb 116.5-15.5
Apr 118.5-16.0
Vol: 512

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
Unofficial prices
Official Turnover figures
Price in £ per metric tonne
Silver in pence per troy ounce
Rudolf Wolf & Co. Ltd. report

COPPER GRADE A
Cash 950.00-952.00
Three Months . 905.00-906.00
Vol 2350
Tone .... Steadier

STANDARD CATHODES
Cash 879.00-882.00
Three Months . 881.00-882.00
Vol 500
Tone .... Quiet

LEAD
Cash 312.00-313.00
Three Months . 302.50-303.50
Vol 1600
Tone .... Steady

ZINC HIGH GRADE
Cash 464.00-464.50
Three Months . 461.50-462.00
Vol 1750
Tone .... Steadier

SILVER LARGE
Cash 380.00-383.00
Three Months . 389.00-391.00
Vol .... Nil
Tone .... Quiet

SILVER SMALL
Cash 380.00-383.00
Three Months . 389.00-391.00
Vol .... Nil
Tone .... Idle

ALUMINIUM
Cash 852.00-854.00
Three Months . 806.00-806.50
Vol 1550
Tone .... Steadier

NICKEL
Cash 2330-2340
Three Months 2350-2355
Vol 72
Tone .... Steadier Quiet

MEAT AND LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on March 27

GB: Cattle, 95.02p per kg lw (+0.15)
GB: Sheep 219.73p per kg* (+12.90)
GB: Pigs, 78.19p per kg lw (-1.58)
* est. dead carcase weight

England and Wales:
Cattle nos. down 4.8 %, ave. price, 94.72p(+0.0)
Sheep nos. down 15.4 %, ave. price, 220.45p(+12.37)
Pig nos. down 21.4 %, ave. price, 78.19p(-1.58)

Scotland:
Cattle nos. up 36.3 %, ave. price, 95.97p(+0.39)
Sheep nos. down 18.4 %, ave. price, 217.23p(+12.58)
Pig nos. n.a %, ave. price, n.a

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig Contract p. per kilo

Month	Open	Close
Jun	97.00	96.50
Aug	95.40	95.10
Oct	100.00	98.00
Nov	100.10	100.80

Vol: 0

Pig Meat vol: 0

Live Cattle Contract
p. per kilo

Month	Open	Close
Apr	100.00	99.00
Jun	100.00	99.00
Aug	97.00	97.00
Oct	96.90	95.50

Vol: 0

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES
£ per tonne

Month	Wheat Close	Barley Close
May	120.85	114.05
Jul	123.00	----
Sep	101.00	99.60
Nov	103.00	102.00
Jan	105.55	104.20
Mar	108.10	106.55

Vol: Wheat 386
Barley 44

LONDON POTATO FUTURES
£ per tonne

Month	Open	Close
Apr	166.00	165.70
May	185.00	184.20
Nov	94.20	95.00
Feb	103.90	104.80

Vol: 702

BIFFEX
G.N.I. Freight Futures Ltd Dry Cargo Report ($10 per point)

	High/Low	Close
Apr 87	1020-1005	1019
Jul 87	875.0-855.8	869.0
Oct 87	940.0-927.0	925.0
Jan 88	----	925.0

Vol: 517 lots Open intst: 1990
Spot market commentary:
Dry cargo index:
991.5 up 3.5 on 26/3/87

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STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Steady gains

(Current market price multiplied by the number of shares in issue for the stock quoted)
ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began Monday. Dealings end next Friday. §Contango day April 6. Settlement day April 13.
§Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Prices are recorded at 5pm. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close and may differ from changes calculated by comparing 5pm prices, published the previous day. Where one price is quoted, it is a middle price. Changes, yields and price earnings ratios are based on middle prices. (aa) denotes Alpha Stocks, volumes are on page 27

Portfolio —Gold—

From your portfolio card check your eight share price movements, on this page only. Add them up to give you your overall total and check this against the daily dividend figure. If it matches, you have won outright or a share of the total daily prize money stated. If you are a winner follow the claim procedure on the back of your card. You must always have your card available when claiming. Game rules appear on the back of your card.

No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Bespak	Industrials A-D	
2	Lon & Metro	Property	
3	Allied Irish	Banks,Discount	
4	Dixons Grp (aa)	Drapery,Stores	
5	Hopkinsons	Industrials E-K	
6	Canning (W)	Chemicals,Plas	
7	Vickers	Industrials S-Z	
8	Matthews (Bernard)	Foods	
9	BAT (aa)	Tobaccos	
10	Honda Motor	Motors,Aircraft	
11	Heath C E	Insurance	
12	Wade Potteries	Industrials S-Z	
13	Burtonwood Brew	Breweries	
14	Utd Leasing	Electricals	
15	TSL G	Industrials S-Z	
16	Suter	Industrials S-Z	
17	Macarthy	Industrials L-R	
18	Br Syphon	Industrials A-D	
19	Rame Ind	Building,Roads	
20	Chesterfield	Property	
21	Quest Automation	Electricals	
22	Kwik-Fit	Motors,Aircraft	
23	Morgan Crucible	Industrials L-R	
24	Sterling Ind	Industrials S-Z	
25	Abbey	Building,Roads	
26	Triton Europe	Oil,Gas	
27	Cable Wireless (aa)	Electricals	
28	Jarvis (J) & Sons	Building,Roads	
29	Cullens	Foods	
30	HTV N/V	Cinemas,TV	
31	Stockley	Property	
32	Wood (SW)	Industrials S-Z	
33	Portals	Industrials L-R	
34	AC	Motors,Aircraft	
35	Dura Mill	Textiles	
36	Ans New Z	Banks,Discount	
37	Mitchell Somers	Industrials L-R	
38	Apricot Computers	Electricals	
39	Bulmer (HP)	Breweries	
40	Ransome Sims	Industrials L-R	
41	Hambros	Banks,Discount	
42	Reckitt Colman (aa)	Industrials L-R	
43	P-E International	Electricals	
44	Wilson (Connolly)	Building,Roads	
© Times Newspapers Ltd.		Daily Total	

Please take into account any minus signs

Weekly Dividend

Please make a note of your daily totals for the weekly dividend of £8,000 in today's newspaper.

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Weekly Total

Portfolio —Gold—

DAILY DIVIDEND	WEEKLY DIVIDEND
£4,000	£8,000
Claims required for +60 points	Claims required for +226 points

Claimants should ring 0254-53272

BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (Under Five Years)

1986 High	Low	Stock			Price	Ch'ge	Int. only yld%	Gross Red. yld%
100¼	94⅝	Fund	6½%	1985-87	99¾ ●	..	6.5	9.067
101¼	95¾	Treas	10%	1987	100	..	10.0	9.778
99⅝	93¼	Treas	3%	1987	98⅝	..	3.0	7.504
104½	94¼	Treas	12%	1987	101⅝	..	11.8	9.095
99½	98	Treas	7¼%	1985-88	99¼	..	7.3	8.627
104⅛	93⅝	Exch	10½%	1988	101⅛	-⅛	10.3	9.083
102¾	93⅛	Treas	C9¾%	1988	100⅝	-⅛	9.7	9.183
95⅝	91⅛	Trans	3%	1978-88	95½	..	3.1	6.793
102⅝	92⅝	Treas	9½%	1988	100⅝ ●	-⅛	9.4	9.005
107⅝	95½	Treas	11½%	1989	104¼	..	11.0	9.049
105⅝	93¼	Treas	10½%	1989	102¾	-⅛	10.2	9.127
104½	92⅝	Exch	10%	1989	101⅝	-¼	9.8	9.081
111⅛	96⅛	Exch	10¼%	1989	105⅝	-⅛	9.7	7.724
105	98⅝	Exch	11%	1989	104¼ ●	-⅛	10.6	9.048
94¼	87⅛	Treas	5%	1986-89	93¼ ●	..	5.3	7.606
103⅝	94⅝	Treas	C9½%	1989	100⅝ ●	..	9.4	9.086
93	85⅝	Treas	3%	1989	92½	-⅛	3.2	6.712
114⅛	97⅝	Treas	13%	1990	109⅝	..	11.8	8.961
108⅛	95	Exch	11%	1990	104⅛	-⅛	10.5	8.515
113¼	99½	Exch	12½%	1990	109	-⅛	11.5	9.093

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BANKS DISCOUNT HP

1986/7 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
640	496½	Nat West (aa)	598	602	●-3	29.3	4.9	8.4
127	79	Ottoman	125	..	..	6.00	4.8	9.8
384	258	Provident	375	378	● ..	18.6	4.9	13.0
232	220	REA Go	217	222	-1	2.9	1.3	18.4
157½	102	Rothschild (J) Hld	156½	158	+2	7.5	4.8	16.4
380	250	Ryl Bk Scot (aa)	332	334	-7	15.4	4.6	8.4
825	507	Schroders	875	880	●+3	19.3	2.2	13.2
694	428	Stand Chart (aa)	830	837	+20	50.0	6.0	9.6
102	72	TSB (aa)	86	86½	●+½	..	..	..
888	638	Union	865	875	-3	57.1	6.6	10.1
35¼	21	Wells Fargo	103⅛	..	●-⅛	..	..	..
428	225	Wintrust	409	425	●-2	8.0	1.9	20.4

BREWERIES

1986/7 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
408	291	Allied-Lyons (aa)	400	402	-3	14.5	3.6	18.3
999	285	Bass (aa)	925	932	-8	24.3	2.6	17.1
79½	22	Belhaven	71	73	..	1.0	1.4	38.5
145	87	Boddington	139	141	-4	4.8	3.4	17.7
606	375	Brown (Matthew)	555	565	●-2	20.8b	3.8	19.5
171	57	Buckleys	141	144	..	4.3	3.0	28.1
208	142	Bulmer (H P)	192	197	+7	7.7	3.9	20.0
730	410	Burtonwood Brew	680	700	+8	16.4	2.2	22.7
515	405	Clark (Matthew)	480	505	●-2	12.1	2.4	17.3
234	136	Davenports (J A)	220	227	-2	3.9	1.7	31.0
249½	158	Greenall Whitley	238	241	-2	7.9	3.3	14.5
347	185	Greene King	330	333	-2	8.4	2.5	19.0
355	278	Guinness (aa)	328	330	●-4	11.6	3.5	12.5
682	423	Hardys & Hansons	647	667	..	28.7	4.1	14.3
91	66	Highland Dist	73	75	..	3.1	4.2	14.3
181	138	Invergordon Dist	173	177	● ..	6.8	3.9	11.2
289	180	Irish Dist	202	207	+2	6.0	2.9	..
131	77	Marston Thompson	129	130	..	3.3	2.5	18.5
558	353	Morland	535	545	● ..	10.0	1.9	28.2
337	131	SA Brewers	332	342	..	..	..	..
379	176	Scot & New (aa)	235	238	-2½	10.3	4.4	14.3
597	350	Vaux	578	588	-2	17.9	3.1	20.0
349	227	Whitbread 'A' (aa)	330	332	-8	11.5	3.5	15.3
351	248	Do 'B'	347	350	-2	11.5	3.3	18.1
329	210	Whitbread Inv	315	320	-1	11.0	3.5	48.8
432	282	Wolverhampton & D	312	315	+1	7.0	2.2	17.7
373	195	Young 'A'	355	365	-1	11.4	3.2	24.8

BUILDINGS AND ROADS

1986/7 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
275	189	Abbey	268	278	+5	..	..	..
268	181	Aberdeen Constr	223	228	-1	11.6	5.1	20.9
335	215	AMEC	334	336	..	16.4	4.9	18.1
52	25	Anglo Utd	42	44	● ..	2.2	5.1	..
111	52	Arncliffe	100	108	●-1	2.3	2.2	24.4
282	123	Atwoods	280	282	..	7.5	2.7	21.5
719	328	BPB Ind (aa)	710	713	+1	14.3	2.0	21.0
730	57	Baggeridge Brick	160	170	s ..	2.5	1.5	22.3
69	22	Bailey (Ben) Constr	57	60	..	0.9	1.5	11.8
204	116	Barratt Devs	185	188	+4	11.9	6.4	19.5
220	121	Bellway	217	220	+1	10.7	4.9	11.6
305	134	Berkeley Gp	292½	297½	+3	3.2	1.1	32.5
110	67	Bett Bros	102	106	-2	4.8	4.4	28.7
15½	8⅞	Blockleys	15	16	+½	38.5	2.5	21.7
905	525	Blue Circle	810	812	+8	30.0	3.7	11.5
292	233	Breedon&Cloud Hill	292	302	● ..	14.5	6.0	27.7
121	73	Br Dredging	119	122	+7	4.3	3.6	22.2
25½	14½	Brown & Jackson	22½	24	-½	..	..	80.3
200	80	Bryant	171	173	●+1	6.1b	3.5	11.8
27	7	Burnett & Hallam	13	15	..	..	..	1.7
88	58	Calendar Robey	83	88	..	4.7	5.5	14.2
202	85	Cement-Roadstone	198	202	● ..	4.0	2.0	..
218	80	Condor Grp	187	192	+5	3.8	1.9	27.5
633	458	Costain	564	567	+15	25.0	4.4	10.5

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1986/7 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
190	84	Mackay (Hugh)	185	195	●+15	7.9	4.2	14.3
28½	13	Munton	15	15	-6	..	..	11.7
170	116	Parkland 'A'	156	158	-1	6.9	4.4	19.3
127	33½	Readicut	62	63	..	2.5	4.0	14.5
149	109	SEET	146	149	..	7.6	5.1	8.4
143	84	Sekers	136	138	● ..	3.6	2.6	11.9
177	135	Sirdar	131	134	●+2	7.4	5.6	9.7
100	49	Smallshaw (R)	90	93	-1	3.9	4.2	8.4
44	14	Stoddard 'A'	42½	44	+½	..	..	..
188	132	Textured Jersey	153	156	● ..	8.6	5.5	8.8
453	28	Tomkinsons	448	458	..	5.7	1.3	21.8
136	87	Toray	134	135	+½	5.9	4.4	14.0
350	230	Yorklyde	240	260	..	10.0	4.0	7.8

TOBACCOS

1986/7 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
568	444	BAT (aa)	547	550	+9	20.4	3.7	10.3
168	123	Carreras	127	132	..	..	..	..
267	135	Rothmans 'B'	254	256	-4	10.0	3.9	9.0

● Ex dividend a Ex all b Forecast dividend e Interim payment passed f Price at suspension g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment k Pre-merger figures n Forecast earnings o Ex other r Ex rights s Ex scrip or share split t Tax-free .. No significant data.

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BROWN SHIPLEY
RECOVERY FUND

BROWN SHIPLEY Recovery Fund is the number one U.K. investing unit trust showing an increase of 79.6%* over the last 12 months. Despite some forecasts, you did not have to go overseas for real growth!

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BROWN SHIPLEY invites you to enjoy the further growth potential of the Fund by completing and posting the application form, together with a cheque for the amount you wish to invest. The minimum investment is £250.

(*All figures quoted on an offer to bid basis. Net income reinvested as at 2/3/87. Source: OPAL)

APPLICATION FORM

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Brown Shipley Unit Trust Managers Ltd, Rockwood House, Perrymount Road, Haywards Heath, West Sussex RH16 1TA. Telephone: (0444) 412262.

I/We wish to invest the sum of £______(minimum £250) in units of the Brown Shipley Recovery Fund.

Name of usual Intermediary ______

I/We enclose a cheque payable to Brown Shipley.

For details of Regular Savings Scheme linked to this fund *(minimum of £20 per month)* ☐ *(tick box)*

Share Exchange Scheme ☐ *(tick box)*

PEP Scheme ☐ *(tick box)*

In case of joint applications, all must sign and provide names and addresses on a separate sheet. Block Letters please.

Forenames ______

Surname ______

Address ______

Signature ______ Date ______

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BROWN SHIPLEY RECOVERY FUND

GENERAL INFORMATION

Minimum Investment: The minimum initial investment is £250, further amounts may be added – minimum £50.

Unit Prices: Prices and yields can be found each business day in the national press. As at 27/3/87 the unit price was 72.3p and the estimated gross yield was 1.18%.

Management Costs: An initial charge of 5% is included in the offer price calculation. An annual charge of 1% (plus VAT) of the value of the fund will be deducted on a monthly basis from the Fund's income. The Trust Deed provides *for a maximum annual charge of 2% and any increase in the current rate* requires 3 months notice to unitholders.

Buying & Selling: Units may be purchased at the offer price ruling on the day of receipt. Contract notes will be issued and certificates will usually be despatched within 28 days after receipt of payment and full registration details. To sell: endorse your certificate and send it to the managers: payment based upon the *ruling bid price will normally be made within 10 working days of receipt of* renounced certificate. Remuneration is payable to qualified intermediaries; rates available upon request.

Income: Income is distributed net of tax bi-annually on 15th January and 15th July, the next payment being 15th July, 1987.

Capital Gains Tax: Authorised unit trusts are exempt from this tax unless the unitholders realised gains from all sources exceeds £6,300 in the tax year 1986/87.

Trustees: The Royal Bank of Scotland plc.

Managers: Brown Shipley Unit Trust Managers Limited.
A member of the Unit Trust Association.

FAMILY MONEY / INTEREST RATES ROUND-UP

	Return at tax rates 29%	45%	60%	Min/max investment £	Notice	Contact
BANKS						
Deposit A/c:						01-626 1567
Barclays	4.00	3.10	2.23	1 min	7 day	01-626 1500
Lloyds	4.00	3.10	2.23	1 min	7 day	01-726 1000
National Westminster	4.00	3.10	2.23	1 min	7 day	01-260 8000
Midland	4.00	3.10	2.23	1 min	7 day	01-600 6000
TSB	4.00	3.10	2.23	1 min	7 day	01-600 6020
National Girobank[1]	5.00	3.87	2.82	1 min	7 day	
Fixed Term Deposits:						
National Westminster	6.63	5.14	3.74	10,000-24,999	1 mth	01-726 1000
" "	6.38	4.94	3.59	10,000-24,999	3 mth	01-726 1000
" "	6.25	4.84	3.52	10,000-24,999	6 mth	01-726 1000
BUILDING SOCIETIES						
Ordinary A/c[2]	6.00	4.65	3.38	1 min	—	—
MONEY FUNDS						
Aitken Hume Monthly Income	6.91	5.35	3.89	1,000 min	—	01-638 6070
Bank Of Scotland	6.80	5.27	3.83	2,500 min	—	01-628 8060
Barclays High Rate Deposit	6.88	5.33	3.88	1,000 min	—	01-626 1567
" " "	7.00	5.42	3.94	10,000 min	—	01-626 1567
Britannia High Interest	7.01	5.43	3.95	2,500 min	—	01-588 2777
Citibank Money Market Plus§	7.30	5.65	4.11	2,000 min	—	01-581 1422
HFC Trust	8.50	6.58	4.79	5,000 min	—	01-236 8391
Henderson Money Mkt Cheq A/c	6.80	5.27	3.83	2,500 min	—	01-638 5757
L & G High Interest Deposit	7.90	6.12	4.45	1,000 min	1 mth	01-388 3211
Lloyds HICA‡	6.20	4.80	3.49	1,000 min	—	01-626 1500
M&G HICA	6.91	5.35	3.89	2,500 min	—	01-626 4588
Midland HICA	6.70	5.19	3.77	2,000 min	—	0742 52800
" "	7.00	5.42	3.94	10,000 min	—	0742 52800
Nat West High Int Special Res	6.88	5.33	3.88	2,000 min	—	01-726 1000
" " "	7.00	5.42	3.94	10,000 min	—	01-726 1000
Oppenheimer Money Mngmt A/c	7.39	6.15	4.17	1,000 min	1 mth	01-236 9362
" " "	7.49	5.81	4.23	10,000 min	1 mth	01-236 9362
Royl Bank Of Scotland Prem A/c	7.10	5.50	4.00	2,500 min	—	031-5570201
S & P Call	6.70	5.19	3.77	500-1,000 min	—	0708 66966
Schroder Wagg	6.54	5.07	3.68	2,500 min	—	0705 827733
" "	6.73	5.21	3.36	10,000 min	—	0705 827733
Tullet & Riley Call	7.30	5.65	4.11	1,000 min	—	01-236 0952
Tullet & Riley 7-day	7.29	5.64	4.10	2,500 min	7 day	01-236 0952
Tyndall Call	7.14	5.53	4.03	2,500 min	—	0272 732241
Tyndall 7-day	7.25	5.62	4.09	2,500 min	7 day	0272 732241
UDT 7-day	7.28	5.63	4.09	5,000 min	7 day	01-626 4661
NATIONAL SAVINGS						
Investment A/c*	8.34	6.46	4.70	5-100,000	1 mth	041-6494555
Income Bond*	8.70	6.74	4.90	2,000-100,000	3 mth	0253 66151
Deposit Bond*	8.70	6.74	4.90	100-100,000	3 mth	041-6494555
Indexed Income Bond*[3]	5.68	4.40	3.20	5,000-100,000	3 mth	0253 66151
Yearly Plan†	8.84	8.84	8.84	20-200 a mth	14 day	0385 64900
General Extension Rate†	8.70	8.70	8.70			
Retail Prices Index February	100.4	100.4	100.4			
GUARANTEED INCOME BONDS						
FPS (Management) Ltd	9.00	7.56	6.21	1,000 min	1 yr	0992 30488
FPS (Management) Ltd	9.00	7.61	6.30	1,000 min	2 yrs	0992 30488
FPS (Management) Ltd	9.00	7.65	6.36	1,000 min	3 yrs	0992 30488
FPS (Management) Ltd	9.00	7.69	6.42	1,000 min	4 yrs	0992 30488
UK Life[4]	9.20	7.13	5.18	2,000 min	5 yrs	0403 40033
LOCAL AUTHORITY TOWN HALL BONDS[4]						
Northampton	7.15	5.54	4.03	500 min	1 yr	01-638 6361
Kirklees	7.75	6.00	4.37	500 min	2 yrs	01-638 6361
Kirklees	7.75	6.00	4.37	500 min	3 yrs	01-638 6361
Kirklees	7.75	6.00	4.37	500 min	4 yrs	01-638 6361
Kirklees	7.75	6.00	4.37	500 min	5 yrs	01-638 6361
Great Grimsby	7.05	5.46	3.97	1,000 min	6 yrs	01-638 6361
Great Grimsby	7.05	5.46	3.97	1,000 min	7 yrs	01-638 6361
Taff Ely	6.48	5.02	3.65	1,000 min	8 yrs	01-638 6361
Taff Ely	6.48	5.02	3.65	1,000 min	9 yrs	01-638 6361
Taff Ely	6.48	5.02	3.65	1,000 min	10 yrs	01-638 6361
FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS						
Sterling	9.44	9.44	9.44	—	7 day	0481 26741
US Dollar	5.54	5.54	5.54	—	7 day	0481 26741
Yen	3.37	3.37	3.37	—	7 day	0481 26741
D Mark	3.01	3.01	3.01	—	7 day	0481 26741
French Franc	7.02	7.02	7.02	—	7 day	0481 26741
Swiss Franc	2.70	2.70	2.70	—	7 day	0481 26741

*Interest Taxable, paid gross †Tax free ‡Higher returns for larger balances §Higher return for balance over £25,000 [1] Other banks may differ [2] Extra interest accounts usually pay 1-2 per cent above ordinary accounts [3] Increased at end of year in line with rate of inflation [4] Returns for higher rate taxpayers may differ Research: Deborah Benn (01-822 9082)

KEY RATES

Retail Prices Index (Feb '86 to Feb '87)
+3.9

Mortgage rate
11.25%

Bank base rate
10%

Bank prime overdraft rate*
17% APR

Personal loan rate*
19.6% APR

Credit card rate*
26.8% APR

Hire purchase rate*[1]
26% APR

Bank deposit account
4%

Building society ordinary account
6%

High-interest cheque account*
7.00%

Holiday exchange rates*

Spanish pesetas	202
French franc	9.62
Greek drachma	209
Italian lira	2060

* Typical rates
[1] £1,000 over 12 months

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BASE LENDING RATES

ABN	10.00%
Adam & Company	10.00%
BCCI	10.00%
Citibank Savings†	12.45%
Consolidated Crds	10.00%
Co-operative Bank	10.00%
C. Hoare & Co	10.00%
Hong Kong & Shanghai	10.00%
Lloyds Bank	10.00%
Nat Westminster	10.00%
Royal Bank of Scotland	10.00%
TSB	10.00%
Citibank NA	10.00%

† Mortgage Base Rate.

UNIT-LINKED INSURANCE INVESTMENTS

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
AETNA LIFE INSURANCE				
401, St John Street, London EC1V 4QE				
01-837 6494				
Life Funds				
Squirrel	11.01	11.59	..	..
Bear	12.50	13.16	+0.07	..
Owl	15.02	15.82	+0.41	..
Bull	13.92	14.65	+0.25	..
Stag	13.79	14.52	+0.26	..
Gilt Edged	11.87		-0.12	..
Deposit	10.05		+0.01	..
Pensions				
Squirrel	11.99	12.63	+0.01	..
Bear	14.28	15.04	+0.12	..
Owl	17.74	18.68	+0.89	..
Bull	16.11	16.96	+0.40	..
Stag	16.05	16.90	+0.42	..
Gilt Edged	12.24		-0.12	..
Deposit	10.42		+0.02	..
Exempt App Mixed	169.5	173.0	+4.66	..
ABBEY LIFE				
80, Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL				
0202 292373				
Property Fund Inc	206.1	217.0	+0.3	..
Do Accum	287.5	302.7	+0.1	..
Equity Fund Income	127.0	133.7	+1.9	..
Do Accum	137.9	145.2	+2.1	..
Selective Fund	273.4	287.8	+2.5	..
Money Fund	225.8	237.7	+0.3	..
Prop Fd Ser 4	226.4	238.4	+0.3	..
Equity Ser 4	136.0	143.2	-2.7	..
Man Ser 4	389.0	409.5	-3.2	..
Conv Ser 4	202.6	213.3	+0.3	..
Money Ser 4	202.5	213.2	+0.3	..
Fixed Int Fd Ser 4	191.2	201.4	-3.9	..
American Ser 4	283.2	298.2	+2.9	..
High Inc Ser 4	346.2	364.5	+6.6	..
Indexed Inv Ser 4	121.1	127.6	+0.2	..
Japan Ser 4	243.4	256.3	-0.7	..
ALBANY LIFE				
3, Darkes Lane, Potters Bar				
0707 42311				
Equity Fd Acc	848.7	893.4	+20.9	..
European Fd Accum	207.7	218.6	+1.7	..
Fixed Int Acc	321.1	338.0	+1.2	..
Gtd Money Fd Acc	207.2	218.1	+0.3	..
Intl Man Fd Acc	347.5	365.7	+1.0	..
Int Fxd Int Fd Acc	194.7	204.9	+1.1	..
Japan Fund	276.3	290.8	-0.8	..
Nth American Fd Acc	178.2	187.5	+6.8	..
Prop Fd Acc	216.8	228.2	+2.3	..
Multiple Inv Acc	580.0	610.5	+8.5	..
ALLIED DUNBAR ASSURANCE				
Allied Dunbar Assurance Swindon SN1 1EL				
0793-28291				
Fixed Int Dep Accum	228.9	241.0	+0.3	..
Equity Accum	748.3	787.7	+10.9	..
Property Accum	324.6	341.7	+0.4	..
Far East Accum	169.1	178.0	+1.9	..
Managed Capital	344.5	362.7	+3.7	..
Do Accum	572.9	603.0	+6.2	..
Overseas Accum	493.2	519.2	+8.7	..
Gilt Edged Accum	292.6	308.0	-0.7	..
Amer Equity Accum	398.1	419.1	+7.6	..
Amer Man Accum	185.9	195.7	+3.1	..
Amer Prop Accum	122.1	128.6	+0.3	..
BALTIC ASSURANCE				
25-26 Albemarle Street, London W1X 4AD				
01-493 9899				
Managed Growth	299.4	315.2	+7.25	..
Managed Income	143.8	151.4	+5.15	..
International	213.7	225.0	+3.13	..
High Income	195.3	205.6	+5.46	..
Income & Growth	265.0	278.9	+13.33	..
Basic Resource	117.7	123.9	+0.29	..
American	210.8	221.9	+3.38	..
Far Eastern	410.8	432.5	+5.38	..
Smaller Co's	235.5	247.9	+11.15	..
BARCLAYS LIFE				
252, Romford Rd, London E7 9JB				
01-534 5544				
Equity Accum	531.5	559.5	+11.8	..
Do Initial	460.7	485.0	+10.3	..
Gilt Edged Accum	225.3	237.2	+2.5	..
Do Initial	197.1	207.5	-2.1	..
International Accum	290.4	305.7	+2.1	..
Do Initial	252.3	265.6	+1.6	..
Managed Accum	344.9	363.1	+3.6	..
Do Initial	300.2	316.1	+3.2	..
Money Accum	179.4	188.9	..	..
Do Initial	151.2	159.2	..	..
Property Accum	208.7	219.7	..	..
Do Initial	179.7	189.2	..	..
America Accum	194.8	205.1	+0.9	..
Do Initial	172.2	181.3	+0.8	..
Australia Accum	199.3	209.8	+8.2	..
Do Initial	176.5	185.8	+8.1	..
Financial Accum	236.0	248.5	+4.0	..
Do Initial	208.6	219.6	+3.5	..
500 Accum	274.7	289.2	+5.7	..
Do Initial	239.4	252.0	+4.9	..
Japan &Gen Acc 2	367.0	386.4	-0.4	..
Do Initial 2	317.8	334.6	-0.4	..
Income Accum	298.9	314.7	+6.5	..
Do Initial	263.0	278.9	+5.8	..
Leisure Accum	183.2	192.8	+4.8	..
Special Sits Accum	152.0	160.1	+3.7	..
Univ Tech Accum	115.8	121.9	-1.7	..
Do Initial	104.7	110.3	-1.5	..
BLACK HORSE LIFE				
34a, High St, Chatham				
0634 405161				
Black Horse Man Fd	436.72		+6.62	..
Managed Inv Fund	285.3	300.3	+3.58	..
Property Fund	186.3	196.1	+0.23	..
Fixed Interest Fund	205.3	216.1	+5.88	..
Cash Fund	171.4	180.4	+0.20	..
Income Fund	411.4	433.0	+7.56	..
Extra Income Fund	384.9	405.2	+4.98	..
Worldwide Grwth Fd	360.1	379.1	-1.28	..
Balanced Fund	367.9	387.3	+8.47	..
Smllr Co's & Rc Fd	477.5	502.6	+7.14	..
Int Technology Fund	350.6	369.1	+0.41	..
N Amer & Gen Fund	239.2	251.7	-1.30	..
Energy Int Fund	123.0	129.5	+3.19	..
Pacific Basin Fund	272.2	286.5	-2.18	..
BRITISH NATIONAL LIFE ASSURANCE				
British National Life House Perrymount Road Haywards Heath West Sussex RH16 3TP				
0444 414111				
Managed	224.5	236.3	..	..
Property	191.7	201.8	..	..
Equity	284.6	299.6	..	..
International	280.2	295.0	..	..
Fixed Interest	153.6	161.7	..	..
Deposit	125.2	131.8	..	..
New Technology	176.0	185.3	..	..
CANADA LIFE				
2-6, High St, Potters Bar Herts				

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
P Bar 51122				
Equity Growth	172.7		..	..
Managed	197.3	207.7	+1.9	..
Property	128.7	135.5	+0.1	..
Gilt & Fixed Int	144.4	152.1	-0.7	..
Index-Linked	121.3	127.7	+1.7	..
Equity	225.4	237.3	+3.4	..
Cash	140.6	148.0	+0.2	..
Midland Bk UT	215.7	227.1	+2.9	..
Midland Bk Int	240.8	253.5	+3.4	..
CANNON ASSURANCE				
1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB				
01-902 8876				
Equity Units	£31.07		+2.38	..
Property Units	£22.79		..	..
Bal Bd Exec Unit	£38.20	40.24	+0.51	..
2nd Equity Accum	383.5	405.8	+10.4	..
2nd High Inc/Accum	334.6	354.0	+7.6	..
2nd Property Accum	217.2	229.8	..	..
2nd Managed 2 Acc	98.3	104.0	+0.9	..
2nd Managed Acc	272.6	288.5	+4.2	..
2nd Managed 4 Acc	101.2	107.1	+1.4	..
2nd Deposit Accum	178.7	189.1	+0.2	..
2nd Gilt Accum	195.8	207.2	+0.1	..
2nd Amer Accum	275.0	291.0	+2.2	..
2nd Intl Money Ac	195.4	206.8	+0.5	..
2nd Index Accum	117.6	124.4	-0.8	..
2nd Far East Accum	209.1	221.3	+2.2	..
2nd Global Accum	105.1	111.2	+0.4	..
2nd Euro Accum	107.2	113.4	+0.7	..
2nd Japan Accum	111.3	117.8	-0.3	..
2nd Heritage Acc	98.5	104.2	+0.1	..
CITY OF WESTMINSTER ASSURANCE				
Sentry House, 500, Avebury Blvd. Cntl Milton Keynes MK9 2LA				
0908-606101				
Property Fund	120.8	127.2	..	..
Money Fund	231.9	244.2	+0.3	..
Managed Fund	468.4	493.1	+2.9	..
Equity Fund	312.4	328.9	+2.1	..
Fixed Interest Fund	181.4	189.9	-0.4	..
Far East Fund	237.4	249.9	+0.3	..
Nth Amer Fund	194.6	204.9	+2.8	..
Nat Resources Fund	178.5	187.9	+2.7	..
SUN Flag Fund	160.0	168.5	+2.6	..
PBR Fund	140.9	148.4		..
CLERICAL MEDICAL/FIDELITY INTERNATIONAL				
Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH				
0272 290566				
Assurance Funds				
Mixed	157.9	166.3	+0.6	..
Equity	193.7	203.9	+2.2	..
Property	114.2	120.3	+0.1	..
Gilt & Fixed Int	122.2	128.7	-2.7	..
Indexed Secs	105.3	110.9	-0.2	..
Cash	110.4	116.3	+0.1	..
Nth American	124.1	130.7	+1.0	..
Far East	144.9	152.6	+1.3	..
International	139.4	146.8	+1.1	..
Special Sits	177.8	187.2	+1.8	..
Intl Income	168.2	177.1	+1.9	..
European	157.6	165.9	+0.8	..
Flexible Retirement Plans Funds				
Mixed	160.7	169.2	+1.1	..
Equity	177.8	187.2	+1.2	..
Property	118.0	124.3	..	..
Gilt & Fixed Int	133.0	140.0	-1.5	..
Index Linked	111.8	117.7	+0.2	..
Cash	120.4	126.8	+0.2	..
Nth American	135.2	142.4	+1.4	..
Far East Acc	169.5	178.5	+1.8	..
International Acc	154.7	162.9	+1.6	..
Special Sits	212.1	223.3	+2.4	..
European Flex	184.4	194.2	+2.1	..
Cash	110.4	116.3	+0.1	..
Nth American	124.1	130.7	+1.0	..
Far East	144.9	152.6	+1.3	..
International	139.4	146.8	+1.1	..
Special Sits	177.8	187.2	+1.8	..
Intl Income	168.2	177.1	+1.9	..
American Inc	125.9	132.6	+0.9	..
European	157.6	165.9	+0.8	..
COLONIAL MUTUAL				
24 Ludgate Hill, London EC4P 4BD				
01-248 9863				
Cap Life Key	169.94		..	..
Cap Life Pacemaker	214.72		..	..
Cap Life Cash	125.2	131.8	..	..
Cap Life Equity	290.0	305.2	..	..
Cap Life Fixed Int	179.8	189.3	..	..
Cap Life Managed	234.1	246.4	..	..
Cap Life Property	245.5	258.5	..	..
CML(Pen)Cash Cap	122.7	129.2	..	..
CML(Pen)Cash Inv	137.1	144.3	..	..
CML(Pen)Eqty Cap	509.1	535.9	..	..
CML(Pen)Eqty Inv	568.8	598.7	..	..
CML(Pen)Fixd Cap	212.6	223.8	..	..
CML(Pen)Fixd Inv	237.6	250.1	..	..
CML(Pen)Indx Cap	131.6	138.6	..	..
CML(Pen)Indx Inv	147.1	154.8	..	..
CML(Pen)Man Cap	314.3	330.9	..	..
CML(Pen)Man Inv	351.2	369.6	..	..
COMMERCIAL UNION				
St Helen's, 1 Undershaft, EC3				
01-283 7500				
Var Ann Accum (5)	335.77		..	..
Var Ann (5)	63.37		..	..
Prime- Managed	265.4	279.4	+3.4	..
Prime- UK Equity	303.5	319.5	+5.3	..
Prime- Int Equity	216.3	227.7	+2.4	..
Prime- Property	127.1	133.8	..	..
Prime- Fixed Interest	159.0	181.1	-1.8	..
Prime- Index-Linked	108.0	113.7	+0.6	..
Prime- Cash	125.4	132.0	+0.2	..
CONFEDERATION LIFE				
50 Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1HE				
01-242 0282				
Managed Fund	672.3	707.6	+6.5	..
Equity Fund	905.6	953.2	+24.1	..
PIP Fund	£26.081		+0.66	..
CROWN FINANCIAL				
Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW				
04862 5033				
Life Managed Acc	371.7	391.2	+3.6	..
Life Fixed Int Accum	245.3	258.2	-5.0	..
Life Equity Accum	468.9	493.5	+10.0	..
Life Money Accum	183.4	193.0	+0.2	..
Life Inv Trust Accum	482.2	507.5	+8.6	..
Life Intl Accum	385.2	405.4	+3.7	..
Life High Inc Accum	434.0	456.8	+10.4	..
Life Property Accum	186.2	196.0	..	..
Crown Bnt Inv A	508.0		..	..
Brown Equity	358.7	388.1		
DBS Managed	205.2	216.0		
Growth Accum	243.0	255.7		

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CRUSADER INSURANCE				
Reigate Surrey RH2 8BL				
07372 42424				
Measured perf	109.5	115.9	+1.0	..
Performance Plus	108.4	114.7	+1.0	..
With Profit Perf	98.4	104.1	+0.1	..
UK Opportunity	120.7	127.7	+3.8	..
Euro Opportunity	110.0	116.4	-0.8	..
North Amer Opp	106.6	112.8	+0.7	..
Far East Opp	103.6	109.6	+0.7	..
Gth Prop Series 1	144.8	152.4	..	..
Gth Prop Series 2	98.8	104.6	+0.1	..
Fixed Int	104.7	110.8	-0.1	..
Cash	98.7	104.4	+0.2	..
Managed Pens	336.8	342.6	+1.31	..
EAGLE STAR INSURANCE				
Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ				
0242 521311				
Secure Fund	105.4	111.0	+0.1	..
Blue Chip Fund	146.7	154.6	+2.4	..
Adventurous Fund	166.2	175.0	+4.0	..
Performance Fund	170.7	179.7	+3.0	..
EAGLE STAR/MIDLAND				
1 Threadneedle St, London EC2				
01-588 1212				
Eagle/Midland Units	195.9	203.1	+3.5	3.32
EQUITY & LAW				
Amersham Road, High Wycombe				
0494 33377				
UK Equities Fund	513.9	540.9	+9.1	..
Higher Income Fund	500.5	526.8	+10.2	..
Property Fund	267.6	281.6	+0.3	..
Fixed Interest Fund	250.0	263.1	-2.1	..
Index-Linked Scs Fd	113.2	119.1	+0.7	..
Gtd Deposit Fund	180.5	190.0	+0.2	..
Nth America Fund	262.5	276.3	+1.0	..
Far East Fund	291.8	307.1	-1.8	..
Europe Fund	221.6	233.2	+2.9	..
International Fund	307.3	323.4	+1.7	..
Mixed Fund	375.6	395.3	+2.0	..
FRIENDS' PROVIDENT				
Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3SH				
0722 336242				
Managed (Mixed)	175.0	184.3	+1.9	..
UK Equity	212.5	223.7	+4.2	..
Stewardship	202.6	213.3	+3.7	..
Overseas Equity	178.5	187.9	+1.2	..
North American	99.3	104.6	-0.8	..
Pacific Basin	101.1	106.5	-1.1	..
European	101.5	106.9	-1.0	..
Property	142.1	149.6	+1.0	..
Fixed Interest	136.7	143.9	-1.2	..
Index Linked	109.2	115.0	+0.7	..
Cash	121.3	127.7	+0.1	..
GT MANAGEMENT				
16 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 7DJ				
01-628 8131				
GT Plan Bond Fund	187.9	197.8	+0.3	..
GT Plan High Yield	230.0	242.2	+8.5	..
GT Plan Far East	236.6	249.1	-3.3	..
GT Plan North Amer	155.4	163.6	+3.0	..
GT Plan UK & GE	314.1	330.7	+7.8	..
GT Plan Worldwide	303.3	319.3	+3.8	..
GENERAL ACCIDENT LINKED LIFE				
20/24 Addiscombe Road, Croydon CR9 5BS				
01-688 0411				
Managed	127.4	134.1	+1.5	..
UK Equity	168.5	177.4	+4.4	..
Fixed Int	124.2	130.8	+0.3	..
Index-Linked	105.2	110.7	-0.2	..
Cash Deposit	108.6	114.3	+0.1	..
Property	109.6	115.4	..	..
International	114.6	120.6	+1.8	..
American	98.5	103.7	-0.8	..
Japan	132.8	139.8	+1.0	..
Japan Smlr Co's	111.2	117.1	..	..
European	107.5	113.3	+0.5	..
Pacific Fund	95.6	100.6	+0.6	..
GENERAL PORTFOLIO LIFE				
Crossbrook St, Cheshunt Herts				
0992 31971				
Portfolio Fd Acc	473.9		+4.8	..
Do Int	342.1		+3.2	..
Do Inv 2	473.8	498.8	+4.9	..
UK Equity	248.9	262.1	+5.5	..
Oseas Equity	153.5	161.7	-1.0	..
Smaller Cos	145.5	153.3	+5.2	..
Gilt Plus	129.4	136.3	+0.2	..
Do 88	117.3	123.8	-0.3	..
Fixed Int Dep	115.0	121.1	+0.2	..
Managed	190.8	201.0	+2.1	..
Inter Man	161.1	169.7	+0.1	..
GRESHAM UNIT				
2-6, Prince of Wales Road, Bournemouth				
0202 762122				
Managed Bond	478.0	503.7		..
Money Fund	192.1	202.2	+0.3	..
Equity Fund	418.0	440.5	+4.3	..
Fixed Interest Fund	159.9	168.5	-0.1	..
Property Fund	224.9	237.0	+0.7	..
Gresham Framlington				
American & General	290.4	306.0	-1.9	..
Income	432.0	455.2	-2.8	..
International Grwth	322.7	340.0	-3.0	..
Capital Fund	468.8	494.0	-1.2	..
Recovery Fund	331.6	349.4	-0.7	..
Japan & General	168.8	177.9	-5.5	..
GUARDIAN ROYAL EXCHANGE				
Royal Exchange London EC3				
01-283 7101				
Ass Prop Bds	412.4	429.5	..	..
Managed Initial	378.5	398.4	+0.8	..
Do Accum	454.0	477.9	+1.2	..
Equity Initial	506.7	533.4	+0.5	..
Do Accum	607.6	639.6	+0.9	..
Fixed Int Initial	262.8	276.6	-0.5	..
Do Accum	315.2	331.8	-0.5	..
Intl Initial	405.6	427.0	+3.8	..
Do Accum	486.5	512.1	+4.5	..
Nth Amer Initial	155.7	163.9	+3.2	..
Do Accum	170.0	178.9	+3.6	..
Pacific Initial	230.0	242.1	+1.8	..
Do Accum	248.7	261.8	+2.1	..
Property Initial	140.3	147.4	.	..
Do Accum	157.7	176.5	..	..
Index-Linked Initial	104.9	110.4	+0.1	..
Do Accum	114.5	120.5	+0.1	..
Deposit Initial	140.6	148.1	+0.1	..
Do Accum	168.7	177.6	+0.2	..
Euro Initial	98.0	103.2	..	..
Do Accum	98.9	104.1	..	..
HENDERSON ADMINISTRATION				
26, Finsbury Square, London EC2A 1DA				
01-638 5757				
High Income Fund	324.9	343.0	+9.4	

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Gilt Edged Fund	94.8	100.1	-0.3	..
Capital Growth Inc	303.2	320.0	+8.2	..
Technology Fund	188.6	199.1	+3.8	..
Natural Resources	156.2	164.9	+8.7	..
Special Situations	312.4	329.8	+1.9	..
North America Fund	249.7	263.6	+3.0	..
Far East Fund	370.2	390.8	+1.9	..
Managed Fund	339.6	358.5	+6.7	..
Deposit Fund	143.4	151.0	..	..
Prime Residential	163.4	172.0	+0.3	..
Property Fund	223.8	236.6	+2.2	..
Managed Currency	106.5	112.5	-0.1	..
Global Health Care	147.5	155.7	+2.7	..
HILL SAMUEL LIFE				
NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon				
01-686 4355				
Security Fund	317.6	334.4	+5.6	..
British Fund	294.5	310.0	+4.2	..
International Fund	299.6	315.4	+1.2	..
Dollar Fund	223.2	235.0	+1.8	..
Capital Fund	290.0	305.3	+4.6	..
Income Fund	358.9	377.8	+7.7	..
Property Series 'A'	234.3	246.7	..	..
Property Units	378.3	397.3	..	..
Financial Fund	263.2	277.1	+3.6	..
Managed Series 'A'	311.7	328.2	+2.7	..
Do 'C'	222.7	234.5	+1.9	..
Managed Units	544.7	573.4	+4.6	..
High Yield Fund	340.5	358.5	+7.2	..
Money Series 'A'	178.4	187.7	+0.2	..
Money Units	226.8	238.6	+0.3	..
Equity Fund	368.3	387.7	+4.5	..
Fixed Interest Fund	223.5	235.3	-0.2	..
Indexed Secs Fund	114.8	120.9	-0.5	..
European Fund	448.9	472.6	+3.1	..
Natural Res Fund	181.5	191.1	+2.1	..
Far East Fund	385.0	405.3	-3.7	..
Smaller Co's Fund	381.1	401.2	+4.3	..
Special Sits Fund	301.5	317.4	+5.0	..
Man Currency Fund	159.2	167.6	-1.3	..
Japanese Tech	138.3	145.6	-0.2	..
IMPERIAL LIFE OF CANADA				
Imperial Life House, London Road, Guildford				
0483 571255				
Growth Fund (4)	307.5	334.2	+5.9	..
Unit Linked Man	277.1	291.7	+3.8	..
Unit Linked Fixed Int	235.6	248.0	+0.6	..
Unit Linked Sec Cap	172.9	182.0	+0.1	..
Unit Linked Eq Fd	695.4	732.0	+12.8	..
Unit Linked Prop Fd	182.2	191.8	..	..
IRISH LIFE ASSURANCE				
Longbow House, 20, Chiswell St, London EC1 4TY				
01-638 1731				
Prop Modules 1	279.8	294.5	..	..
Prop Modules Gth	393.9	414.6	..	..
Prop Mod Gth Ser 2	181.8	191.3	..	..
Prop Mod Gth Ser 3	175.2	184.4	..	..
Blue Chip Series 1	234.2	246.5	..	..
Blue Chip Series 2	371.9	391.5	..	..
Blue Chip Series 3	371.3	390.8	..	..
Managed Series 1	730.7	769.2	..	..
Managed Series 2	288.9	304.1	..	..
Managed Series 3	285.0	300.0	..	..
Global Managed 3	333.1	350.6	..	..
Global Property 3	148.2	155.9	..	..
Global Fixed Int 3	303.4	319.4	..	..
Global Equity 3	383.2	403.4	..	..
Global Cash 3	122.9	129.4	..	..
High Inc Series 3	832.1	865.5	..	..
LAS GROUP				
10, George Street, Edinburgh EH2 2YH				
031-225 8494				
Managed Fund	232.9	247.5	+2.0	..
UK Equity	334.5	344.2	+10.1	..
Property	193.2	205.6	..	..
Money Market	146.1	154.2	+0.2	..
Fixed Interest	183.8	195.0	-1.8	..
Japan	308.3	327.0	+1.8	..
North America	157.6	167.2	+3.5	..
International	220.5	233.9	+1.5	..
Natural Res Fnd	92.6	98.2	-2.1	..
European	174.4	184.1	+2.3	..
Far East	119.2	125.9	+0.3	..
High Technology	124.7	131.6	+0.5	..
Special Sits	110.0	116.1	-0.1	..
LEGAL & GENERAL UNIT ASSURANCE				
2, Montefiore Rd, Hove, Sussex BN3 1SE				
0273 724588				
Bldg Soc Lnkd Init	104.3	109.8	+0.1	..
Do Accum	112.1	118.0	+0.1	..
Cash Initial	130.8	137.7	+0.2	..
Do Accum	177.0	186.4	+0.2	..
Equity Initial	482.1	507.5	+8.1	..
Do Accum	652.5	686.9	+12.6	..
Fixed Initial	263.4	277.3	+1.8	..
Do Accum	356.5	375.3	+2.4	..
Index-Linked Gilt	103.7	109.2	-0.1	..
Do Accum	119.8	126.2	-0.1	..
Intl Initial	277.3	291.9	+1.3	..
Do Accum	369.5	389.0	+1.8	..
Managed Initial	349.1	367.5	+4.4	..
Do Accum	472.5	497.4	+6.0	..
Property Initial	158.3	166.7	+0.3	..
Do Accum	214.3	225.6	+0.4	..
LEGAL & GENERAL PROPERTY				
11, Queen Vic St London EC4N 4TP				
01-248 9678				
L & G (29)	169.7	177.2	..	..
LONDON LIFE				
100, Temple Street, Bristol, BS1 6EA				
0272 279179				
Equity	546.0		+11.2	..
Fixed Interest	240.5		+5.3	..
Property	242.2		+0.2	..
Deposit	176.4		+0.2	..
Mixed	357.1		+6.0	..
Indexed Stock	129.7		+0.7	..
International	181.2		+1.7	..
Equity A	128.2		+2.6	..
Fixed Int A	106.0		+2.4	..
Property A	107.7		+0.1	..
Deposit A	104.9		+0.1	..
Mixed A	118.6		+2.0	..
Index Stock A	102.8		+0.7	..
International A	114.5		+1.0	..
Equity P	479.3		+8.9	..
Fixed Int P	272.7		+5.4	..
Property P	167.9		+0.3	..
Deposit P	171.4		+0.3	..
Mixed P	322.9		+5.3	..
Index Stock P	143.4		+0.8	..
International P	202.1		+1.9	..
LON & MANCHESTER GROUP				
Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS				
0392 52155				
Inv Trust Cap	475.1		+4.6	..
Do Accum	576.8		+6.0	..
Property Cap	124.2		..	..
Do Accum	148.4			
Fixed Interest Cap	161.3		-2.4	

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Do Accum	192.3		-2.7	..
Equity Cap	241.0		+3.4	..
Do Accum	288.2		+4.3	..
International Cap	194.2		+0.7	..
Do Accum	231.5		+0.9	..
Gtd Deposit Cap	148.0		..	..
Do Accum	176.2		+0.2	..
Flexible Cap	281.8		+5.0	..
Do Accum	337.3		+6.2	..
Moneymaker Fund	284.2		+4.3	..
Capital Growth Fund	872.1		+12.1	..
M & G				
Three Quays, Tower Hill EC3R 6BQ				
01-626-4588				
Amer Bond Acc	217.0	228.0	+2.9	..
Amer Rec Bond	274.9	288.8	-0.2	..
Amer Smlr Co Bond	118.1	124.1	-1.7	..
Australasia Bond	174.9	183.7	+8.0	..
Commodity Bond	179.9	189.0	+8.8	..
Deposit Bond Acc	221.8	233.0	+0.2	..
Equity Bond Accum	655.2	688.0	+17.0	..
European Bond Acc	181.0	190.2	+2.0	..
Extra Yld Bd Accum	366.6	385.1	+10.2	..
Far East Bd Accum	146.6	154.1	+0.7	..
Gilt Bond Accum	264.3	277.7	-1.1	..
Gold Bond Accum	143.8	151.1	+13.5	..
High Yield Bond	247.0	259.4	+6.4	5.03
Index-Linked Gt Bd	126.3	132.7	+0.5	..
International Bond	399.1	419.2	+7.1	..
Japan Bond Acc	208.5	218.9	-0.8	..
Japan Smlr Co Acc	145.5	152.9	-0.8	..
Managed Bonds	481.9	506.1	+8.0	..
Prop Bond Accum	285.7	300.0	+0.2	..
Rec Bond Accum	349.3	366.9	+14.0	..
Family Bond Accum	650.3		..	..
MGM ASSURANCE				
MGM Hse Heene Rd, Worthing BN11 2DY				
0903 204631				
UK Equity Fund	213.7	225.0	+3.1	..
Do Accum	238.2	250.8	+3.9	..
Special Sits Fund	190.8	200.9	+5.8	..
Do Accum	212.7	223.9	+6.7	..
North American Fd	187.3	197.2	..	..
Do Accum	208.7	219.7	+0.2	..
Pacific Basin Fund	301.4	317.3	-0.3	..
Do Accum	336.0	353.7	+0.2	..
Fixed Interest Fund	216.4	227.8	+0.9	..
Do Accum	241.1	253.8	+1.3	..
Property Fund	116.0	122.2	-0.2	..
Do Accum	129.3	136.2	..	..
Deposit Fund	112.0	117.9	-0.2	..
Do Accum	124.9	131.5	+0.2	..
Managed Fund	204.6	215.4	+2.5	..
Do Accum	230.3	242.5	+2.8	..
MANUFACTURERS LIFE				
St Georges Way, Stevenage				
0438 356101				
Managed Fund	413.4	435.2	..	..
Property Fund	271.7	286.0	..	..
Equity Fund	480.1	505.4	..	..
Gilt Edged Fund	367.7	387.0	..	..
Deposit Fund	199.5	210.0	..	..
Investment Fund	204.1	214.3	..	..
International Fund	410.7	432.3	..	..
MERCHANT INVESTORS				
Leon House, 233 High St Croydon				
01-686 9171				
Property	292.3		..	..
Equity Bond	179.0		+2.2	..
Money Market Bond	315.7		-1.8	..
Deposit Fund	232.3		-0.2	..
Managed Fund	270.6		+2.6	..
Intl Equity	321.3		+4.2	..
Intl Managed	294.1		+3.6	..
North American	127.9		+2.0	..
Far East	271.6		+5.3	..
Intl Currency	172.2		+0.1	..
NATIONAL PROVIDENT				
48, Gracechurch St, EC3P 3HH				
01-623 4200				
Managed	290.8	306.3	+4.0	..
UK Equity	371.5	391.1	+8.5	..
Overseas Equity	287.5	302.7	+2.6	..
Americas	247.8	260.9	+1.7	..
Far East	312.2	328.7	+0.7	..
Property	133.6	140.7	+1.0	..
Fixed Interest	211.6	222.8	+0.7	..
Indexed Gilt	121.4	127.9	-0.4	..
Deposit	131.8	138.8	+0.2	..
NORWICH UNION				
PO Box 4, Norwich NR1 3NG				
0603 622200				
Managed Fund	748.2	787.7	+7.1	..
Equity Fund	£15.82	16.75	+0.22	..
Property Fund (3)	310.0	326.4	+0.2	..
Fixed Int Fund (3)	371.3	390.9	-4.4	..
Deposit Fund (3)	203.3	214.0	+0.2	..
Intl Fund (30)	137.9	145.2	+2.0	..
Unit-Linked Plus	897.8		..	..
PEARL ASSURANCE				
252 High Holborn, WC1V 7EB				
01-405 8441				
Inv Prop Dist	137.3	144.5	-0.9	..
Do Accum	215.5	226.8	-1.5	..
Inv Equity	680.0	715.8	+15.4	..
Inv Managed	460.8	485.6	+3.6	..
Ret Managed	441.0	464.3	+9.5	..
PHOENIX ASSURANCE				
4-5, King William St, EC4N 7BR				
01-626 9876				
Wealth Assured	405.9	427.3	+5.0	..
Ebor Phoenix Equity	338.2	368.2	..	..
PROPERTY GROWTH				
Leon House, Croydon CR9 1LU				
01-680 0606				
Property Fund	294.1		+0.1	..
Property Fund (A)	282.5		+0.1	..
Agricultural Fund	800.5		..	..
Agric Fund (A)	787.9		-0.1	..
Abbey Nat Fund	255.1		+0.1	..
Abbey Nat Fund (A)	247.8		+0.1	..
Investment Fund	220.1		+1.5	..
Investment Fund (A)	213.6		+1.5	..
Equity Fund	806.7		+13.5	..
Equity (A)	785.2		+13.2	..
Money Fund	277.8		+0.2	..
Money Fund (A)	270.4		+0.2	..
Actuarial Fund	395.8		+8.3	..
Gilt-Edged Fund	254.5		-2.9	..
Gilt-Edged Fund (A)	254.5		-2.9	..
Retire Annuity	453.7		..	..
Immed Annuity	308.0		..	..
International Fund	405.5		+1.2	..
Bldg Soc Life Fund	138.9		+0.2	..
PROVIDENCE CAPITAL				
30, Uxbridge Rd, W12 8PG				
01-749 9111				
Equity Fund Accum	198.7	209.6	+0.1	
Fixed Interest Acc	122.1	128.8		

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International Accum	136.1	143.8	+1.8	..
Managed Accum	151.4	159.7	+1.0	..
Property Accum	163.6	172.6	+0.1	..
Money Accum	92.7	97.8	+0.2	..
Special Mkt Accum	109.9	116.0	+0.4	..
Japan Growth Acc	118.5	125.1	+0.5	..
N Amer Accum	109.0	115.0	+1.7	..
Pacific Accum	83.2	87.8	+0.7	..
Technology Accum	89.8	94.8	-2.5	..
Natural Res Accum	79.2	83.6	+2.2	..
Japan Grwth Accum	187.6	197.9	+1.9	..
European Accum	81.9	86.4	+0.2	..
PROVIDENT MUTUAL				
25/31, Moorgate London EC2R 6BA				
01-628 3232				
Managed Ord	257.8	271.4	+1.9	..
Managed Initial	222.8	234.5	+1.4	..
Equity Ord	366.8	386.1	+6.8	..
Equity Init	317.0	333.7	+4.9	..
Index-Lnkd Gilt Ord	121.8	128.2	+0.7	..
Index Linked Gilt Init	110.0	115.8	+0.6	..
Oseas Equity Ord	273.6	288.0	+0.4	..
Oseas Equity Initial	236.5	248.9	+0.2	..
Property Ord	132.1	139.1	+0.2	..
Property Initial	114.2	120.2	+0.1	..
Fixed Int Ord	157.9	166.2	-2.0	..
Fixed Int Initial	136.5	143.7	-1.8	..
Deposit Ord	125.5	132.1	+0.2	..
Deposit Initial	108.4	114.1	..	..
PROVINCIAL LIFE				
Stramongate, Kendal, Cumbria				
0539 23415				
Managed Fund	524.7	552.9	+8.6	..
Cash Fund	204.3	215.3	+0.3	..
Property Fund	212.0	223.4	..	..
Equity Fund	608.7	636.2	+12.5	..
Fxd Interest Fund	267.2	284.3	+1.6	..
International	301.4	377.7	+4.9	..
High Income	407.1	429.0	+11.7	..
Far East	352.1	374.6	+4.6	..
North American	258.9	273.4	+3.5	..
Special Sits	531.2	559.8	+13.5	..
Technology	251.0	267.1	+4.5	..
Extra Income Fund	231.4	243.9	+6.4	..
Gilt Fund 20	289.0	307.5	+2.4	..
PRUDENTIAL				
Holborn Bars, EC1N 2NH				
01-405 9222				
Managed	203.9	212.4	+3.2	..
ROYAL HERITAGE LIFE ASSURANCE LTD				
20, Clifton Street, London EC2A 4HX				
01-920 0202 0733 262524				
Multi Growth (45)	450.0		..	..
Multi Growth 'A' (45)	372.0	391.6	..	..
Op 5 Prop	291.2	306.6	-0.1	..
Op 5 Equity	686.6	760.7	+18.6	..
Op 5 High Yield	329.7	347.1	+0.6	..
Op 5 Managed	534.0	562.2	+8.2	..
Op 5 Deposit	233.2	245.5	+0.24	11.12
Op 5 US Dollar	117.3	123.6	-0.1	9.50
Amer Smaller	130.6	137.5	+0.8	..
Commodity	102.8	108.3	+3.5	..
Extra Inc	140.0	147.4	+3.3	..
Far East	143.3	150.9	+1.7	..
Fnl Secs	205.8	216.5	+3.4	..
Gold Gen	78.1	82.2	+3.6	..
Inc Gth	230.4	242.6	+5.4	..
Intl Fund	157.9	166.3	+1.5	..
Japan Perf	205.6	216.5	+0.7	..
Japan Smlr	97.6	102.8	-0.1	..
Nat High	222.4	234.2	+5.1	..
Prop Sits	200.5	211.1	+6.5	..
Intl Recovery	223.2	235.0	+3.4	..
Smaller Cos	255.6	269.3	+7.4	..
Univ Energy	53.0	55.8	+2.2	..
World Tech	138.8	146.2	+0.9	..
Managed Gilt	182.6	189.8	+2.4	..
Gilt	89.2	93.9	+0.4	..
Hong Kong	96.6	101.9	+0.9	..
Aust Gen	132.0	139.0	+3.6	..
Growth				..
Amer (35,34)	164.5	173.0	+1.0	..
Australian	127.8	134.6	+5.8	..
British	203.9	214.7	+1.5	..
Commodity	168.1	177.0	+5.7	..
Extra Inc	198.5	209.0	+3.8	..
Far Eastern	251.8	265.1	+1.7	..
Gilt	90.0	94.8	-0.1	..
Global (35,34)	334.4	352.0	+4.4	..
Gold Share	79.3	83.5	+8.9	..
High Income	231.8	243.6	+4.1	..
Income	318.8	335.7	+10.1	..
Japan	300.6	316.6	-6.8	..
Oil Energy	139.2	146.6	+4.0	..
Special Sits	289.8	305.1	+7.3	..
UK Smlr Co's	262.7	276.6	+3.9	..
Man Growth	288.5	303.7	+4.3	..
ROYAL LIFE INSURANCE				
New Hall Place, Liverpool L69 3HS				
051-227 4422				
Royal Shield Fund	686.3	691.0	+5.4	..
Royal Life Unit Linked				
Managed Fund	243.9	256.7	+2.2	..
Equity Fund	307.1	323.2	+3.7	..
Property Fund	158.7	167.0	..	..
International Fund	321.8	338.7	+0.8	..
Pacific Basin Fund	183.9	193.5	+0.6	..
United States Fund	144.0	152.4	+1.0	..
Gilt Fund	178.6	188.0	+2.3	..
Money Fund	128.1	134.8	+2.8	..
SAVE & PROSPER				
1, Finsbury Ave London EC2M 2QY				
0708 66966				
Bal Inv Fund	409.0	432.8	-0.6	..
Deposit Fund (2)	227.1	240.4	+0.3	..
Gilt Fund	310.3	329.4	-2.8	..
Global Equity Fund	144.2	152.6	+2.0	..
Property Fund (40)	56.5	59.8	..	..
AG Bond Fund	97.8	103.3	+1.2	..
SCHRODER LIFE				
Enterprise Hse, Portsmouth				
0705 827733				
Equity	843.8	894.5	+13.1	..
Fixed Interest	332.2	349.6	-0.8	..
Managed	427.5	450.0	+6.2	..
Deposit	212.1	223.2	+0.2	..
Overseas	262.5	285.7	+1.9	..
Property	286.2	301.2	+0.2	..
American	259.9	284.1	+3.2	..
Australian	160.1	168.4	+0.4	..
European	317.7	334.4	+5.5	..
Gilt & Fixed Int	176.4	185.6	+0.8	..
Income Accum	425.7	448.1	+10.4	..
Income Distrib	319.1	335.8	+7.9	..
International	262.6	276.3	+2.0	..
Japan Smaller	213.9	225.1	+2.7	..
Singapore & Mal	137.1	144.3	+0.5	..
Smaller Companies	368.0	387.3	+6.4	..
Tokyo Fund	345.3	363.4	-4.9	..
UK Equity	364.4	383.5	+6.7	..

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CCM Vang'd Mngd	396.2	417.0	+8.7	..
Equity Pension Cap	596.6	628.5	+12.0	..
Overseas Pension	293.0	308.4	+2.8	..
SCOTTISH AMICABLE				
150 St Vincent St, Glasgow				
041-248 2323				
Equity	380.3	400.4	+6.7	..
Fixed Interest	205.7	216.6	-1.7	..
International	253.7	267.1	+1.9	..
Property	139.6	147.0	+0.1	..
Cash	140.5	147.9	+0.1	..
Managed	276.2	290.8	+2.4	..
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE				
28, St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 1YF				
031 556 9101				
Cash	105.3	110.9	+0.07	..
Index-Linked	103.9	109.5	+1.2	..
Fixed Interest	114.5	120.6	-3.3	..
Mixed	151.1	159.1	+1.4	..
UK Equity	147.5	155.3	+1.9	..
International	158.9	167.3	+2.5	..
American	135.1	142.3	+2.6	..
Japan	189.4	199.4	+0.2	..
European	160.1	168.5	+4.4	..
Pacific	178.2	188.2	-0.5	..
Technology	148.2	156.0	+1.3	..
Foreign Bd/Currency	131.9	138.9	+2.0	..
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS				
19 St *Andrews* Sq, Edinburgh *EH2* 1YE				
031-225 2211				
Property	117.6	123.9	..	..
UK Equity	211.8	223.1	+3.6	..
American	163.4	172.1	+3.2	..
Pacific	199.3	209.9	+2.7	..
European	239.8	252.5	+3.6	..
International	188.7	198.8	+3.2	..
Fixed Interest	127.7	134.5	-4.1	..
Index Linked	115.6	121.7	+0.3	..
Deposit	115.6	121.8	+0.1	..
Managed	174.5	183.8	+2.1	..
SCOTTISH MUTUAL ASSURANCE				
109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN				
041-248 6321				
Flex Fund (35)	976.3	1006.5	..	..
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENTS				
109, St Vincent St, Glasgow				
041-248 6321				
Safety Fund	136.4	143.6	+1.0	..
Growth Fund	146.9	154.7	+1.4	..
Opportunity Fund	151.7	159.7	+1.4	..
Cash Fund	106.6	112.3	+0.1	..
European Fund	194.9	205.2	+3.7	..
Gilts & Fxd *Int Fund*	119.8	126.2	..	..
Index-Linked Fund	106.4	112.0	-0.3	..
International Fund	165.1	173.8	+1.2	..
North American Fd	131.5	138.5	+1.1	..
Pacific Fund	201.1	211.7	-0.4	..
Property Fund	107.6	113.3	+0.1	..
UK Equity	157.2	165.5	+2.8	..
UK Smaller	178.6	188.1	+3.9	..
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT				
6 St Andrews Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA				
031-556 9181				
Mixed	171.9	181.1	+2.0	..
Equity	199.6	210.2	+4.5	..
International	197.2	207.7	+0.5	..
Property	114.5	120.6	..	..
Fixed Interest	125.4	132.1	-1.3	..
Index Linked	111.2	117.2	+0.8	..
Cash	116.8	122.1	+0.1	..
SCOTTISH WIDOWS				
PO Box 902, Edinburgh EH16 5BU				
031-655 6000				
Inv Pol 1	592.0		-7.3	..
Inv Pol 2	491.0	516.9	-8.9	..
Inv Pol 3	479.2	504.6	-6.8	..
Inv Cash	185.5	195.4	+0.3	..
Mixed Fund	275.1	289.9	+3.7	..
Equity Fund	348.1	366.5	+7.2	..
Property Fund	146.7	154.5	+0.2	..
International Fund	271.0	285.4	+4.4	..
Fixed Interest Fund	202.0	212.7	-3.6	..
Indexed Stock Fund	121.0	127.4	+0.4	..
Cash Fund	136.9	144.3	+0.2	..
SKANDIA LIFE				
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0703 334411				
Managed Accum	248.5	261.5	+3.1	..
Equity Accum	282.2	297.0	+5.6	..
International Accum	263.5	277.3	+2.1	..
Property	158.6	166.9	+0.1	..
Arbuthnot Mngd	164.0	172.6	+2.5	..
Britannia Mngd	133.0	140.0	+1.6	..
Framlington Mngd	142.2	149.6	+1.2	..
Gartmore Mngd	166.1	174.8	+2.7	..
Henderson Mngd	159.6	168.0	+2.1	..
TSB Managed	135.2	142.3	+2.1	..
North European	211.8	222.9	+0.8	..
Pacific	182.9	192.5	+1.2	..
Intl Recovery	175.5	184.7	+2.4	..
Gilt Plus Accum	190.0	200.0	+0.9	..
North American	129.3	136.1	+1.0	..
Deposit	162.5	171.0	+0.1	..
STANDARD LIFE				
3, George Street, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ				
031-225-2552				
Managed	403.3	424.6	+4.8	..
Property	194.4	204.7	+2.1	..
Equity	556.6	585.4	+9.9	..
International	380.8	400.9	+8.4	..
Fixed Interest	236.6	249.3	-1.6	..
Index Linked	126.8	133.5	+1.3	..
Cash	163.5	172.2	+0.2	..
SUN ALLIANCE				
Sun Alliance Hse, Horsham, Sussex				
0403 64141				
Managed Fund	416.0	437.9	+2.9	..
Equity Fund	557.9	587.3	+8.7	..
Fixed Interest Fund	278.9	293.6	-3.3	..
Index Linked Fund	165.2	173.9	-1.7	..
Property Fund	266.4	280.5	+0.1	..
International Fund	369.6	389.5	+1.1	..
N. American Fund	130.6	138.9	+2.1	..
Far East Fund	191.2	201.3	+0.7	..
Deposit Fund	180.1	189.6	+0.2	..
International Bond	245.85		-0.19	..
Worldwide Bond	51.9	55.20	+0.3	6.63
European	110.4	116.3	+1.4	..
SUN LIFE OF CANADA				
2,3,4, Cockspur St, SW1Y 5BH				
01-930 5400				
Growth Account	916.8		+14.3	..
Managed Account	485.5		+4.6	..
Equity Account	665.7		+4.8	
Mngd Fund Accum	221.6	233.3	+2.5	

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Equity Fund Accum	296.4	312.0	+2.2	..
Prop Fund Accum	183.1	191.2	+0.2	..
Fixed Int Fd Acc	177.8	187.2	+5.0	..
Intl Fund Accum	295.4	310.9	-3.8	..
Money Fund Accum	133.9	140.9	+0.4	..
Indx-Lnkd Scs Acc	122.8	129.3	+2.6	..
Pers Pens Account	834.3		+19.2	..
Pens Mngd Account	434.9	457.8	+9.2	..
Pens Guarantee	116.4	122.5	+0.2	..
Pens Equity	176.8	181.9	+7.6	..
Pens Property	116.9	123.1	+0.2	..
Pens Fixed Int	137.5	144.7	+3.2	..
Pens Intl	139.0	146.3	+0.1	..
Pens Money	118.5	124.8	+0.3	..
Pens Indx-Lnkd	108.8	114.6	+0.7	..
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0272 426911				
Managed Accum	489.2	515.0	+6.0	..
Property Accum	222.3	234.0	+1.2	..
Equity Accum	694.0	730.6	+13.3	..
Fixed Int Accum	224.8	236.7	-1.9	..
Index-Linked Accum	122.5	129.0	+0.7	..
Cash Accum	188.3	198.2	+0.2	..
Amer Equity Accum	212.3	223.5	+2.0	..
US Bonds Accum	127.2	133.9	-0.3	..
Japan Accum	235.9	248.4	-0.3	..
Pacific Accum	159.5	167.9	+7.7	..
Far Eastern Accum	443.5	466.9	+6.7	..
International Accum	360.4	379.4	-0.3	..
US Dollar Accum	92.9	97.8	-0.1	..
Yen Accum	124.8	131.4	+0.9	..
Euro Cur Accum	115.4	121.5	-0.3	..
Distribution Fund	196.2	206.6	+2.7	7.46
European	..		..	..
TSB LIFE LTD				
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0264 56789				
Managed Fund	163.6	172.3	+2.5	..
Property Fund	118.8	125.2	..	..
Fixed Interest Fund	140.8	148.3	+0.5	..
Money Fund	120.7	127.1	+0.1	..
Equity Fund	216.7	228.2	+4.0	..
TARGET LIFE				
Target House, Gatehouse Road, Aylesbury Bucks				
Aylesbury (0296) 394000				
American Eagle	116.7	121.8	-1.7	..
Australian	97.0	102.2	+2.7	..
Commodity	121.9	128.4	+2.6	..
Deposit	159.2	167.6	+0.1	..
Energy	52.3	55.1	..	..
Financial	216.0	227.4	+2.2	..
Fixed International	173.7	179.7	+0.5	..
Gold	167.2	176.0	+8.9	..
Income	257.1	270.7	-2.8	..
International Equity	343.6	361.7	+2.2	..
Japan	300.0	315.8	-1.1	..
Malay & Singapore	94.5	99.5	..	..
Managed	438.9	463.1	+7.0	..
Managed Currency	84.9	89.8	+0.3	..
Managed Prop	142.0	149.5	..	..
Pacific	187.6	197.5	+3.6	..
Preference	145.1	152.8	..	..
Property	266.1	280.2	+0.4	..
Special Situations	251.1	264.4	+5.8	..
Sterling	6.5		-1.5	..
Technology	109.8	115.7	-1.3	..
UK Equity	569.0	599.0	+12.6	..
US Special Bond	184.5	194.3	+2.2	..
Euro Situations	191.1	202.1	+3.3	..
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Series 2 Man Fund	304.5	320.6	+7.4	..
Series 2 Equity Fund	377.0	396.8	+8.6	..
Series 2 Prop Fund	366.5	385.7	+21.1	..
Series 2 Fix Int Fund	242.7	255.4	-0.4	..
Series 2 Money Fd	157.7	165.9	+0.1	..
Series 2 O'seas Fd	278.6	293.4	+6.7	..
Tulip Invest Fund	295.4	310.9	-3.8	..
Tulip Mangd Fund	416.4	438.3	+10.1	..
Mngd Inv Fd Int	282.3	297.1	+6.9	..
Do Accum	343.2	361.2	+8.0	..
TRIDENT LIFE				
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Managed Fund	337.7	355.5	+1.6	..
Gtd Managed	307.5	323.8	-0.8	..
Property Fund	326.1	343.4	-3.2	..
American	263.5	277.5	+3.1	..
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Gilt Edged Fund	271.6	286.0	-0.4	..
Money Fund	244.5	257.4	+0.1	..
International	267.1	281.3	+3.7	..
Growth Cap	300.9	316.6	+1.4	..
Do Accum	386.5	407.0	+2.7	..
Perpetual Act	166.7	175.5	-0.8	..
Henderson Act	150.2	158.2	-0.1	..
TYNDALL ASSURANCE				
401, St John Street, & London EC1V 4QE 01-837 6494				
3-Way Fund	360.0		..	..
Equity	612.2		..	..
Bond	397.1		..	..
Property Fund	209.1		..	..
O'seas Inv Fund	612.2		..	..
UK Investment	567.0		..	..
Deposit Fund	226.4		..	..
UK Equity	259.2	272.9	+5.1	..
N American Equity	182.0	191.6	+3.2	..
Far East Equity	297.7	313.4	+3.7	..
Fixed	181.3	190.9	+0.3	..
Cash Deposit	127.6	134.4	+0.1	..
Property	113.4	119.4	..	..
Special Opp	321.3	338.3	+10.5	..
Managed	225.6	237.5	+3.9	..
Index-Linked Fd	122.3	128.8	-0.4	..
Star Mngd 2	227.9	239.9	+2.3	..
Star Mngd 3	234.1	246.5	+2.2	..
Star Mngd 4	193.0	203.2	+3.7	..
Star Mngd 5	213.2	224.5	+1.7	..
VANBRUGH LIFE ASS				
Portland House, Stag Place Victoria SW1 5BA				
01-822 8290				
Managed Fund	481.1	506.6	+7.2	..
Equity Fund	966.3	1017.2	+21.0	..
Intl Fund	382.4	402.6	+3.2	..
Fixed Interest Fund	361.5	380.6	+1.5	..
Property Fund	272.2	286.6	+5.1	..
Cash Fund	222.1	233.8	+0.2	..
Pacific Basin Fd	171.3	180.4	+0.3	..
N American Fd	154.0	162.2	+1.4	..
Euro Fund	196.1	206.5	+2.8	..

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Stolen cheques

Selling a car privately this weekend? Look carefully if you are offered a cheque from the Birmingham Midshires *Building* Society. Seven hundred of the society's cheques have been stolen. The number sequence is 153401 through to 154100. Some of the cheques have already been fraudulently presented for the purchase of cars and videos. Contact the police if you are offered one of the cheques.

Glasgow moves

David Glasgow, one of the unit trust world's best-known personalities, is leaving Abbey Unit Trust Managers, part of Abbey Life Assurance. Mr Glasgow is joining Kleinwort Grieveson to head up the Barrington range of unit trusts as well as KG's offshore funds. Mr Glasgow denied that his departure from Abbey followed internal warring and said the separation was "amicable". Abbey itself said it is sorry to see him go. No successor has yet been named.

Still growing

The 24th Issue National Savings Certificates will be eligible for continuing interest after they reach the fifth anniversary of their purchase. The certificates were on sale from April to November 1982. The rate of interest is currently 8.7 per cent a year tax-free, but is likely to fall soon. The continuing interest is called the General Extension Rate and the Department for National Savings has applied it to several previous issues of certificates. The 24th Issue certificates will earn interest for every complete period of three months.

More loans

Lloyds Bank has already allocated more than £200 million under its fixed-rate mortgage scheme, launched on March 12. The average loan is £48,500 and more than 4,300 applications have been received. To meet the continued demand, Lloyds has increased the funds available by £200 million, to £500 million.

Paul Channon, left, will make the decision. Sir Gordon Borrie at the OFT backs the banks

Investors caught in the big City battle

Shall I get less money from my pension or life policy because of the arguments over "polarization"? What is polarization and how will it affect me? RICHARD THOMSON explains

Polarization has caused a huge row. On one side are the big battalions of the clearing banks backed by the Office of Fair Trading. On the other is the combined might of the insurance industry and the Securities and Investments Board.

The outcome, expected in April when the Trade Secretary Paul Channon decides on the matter, will affect where and how you buy your life assurance and unit trust investments.

Polarization means the rigid distinction between people who sell the insurance and unit products of only one company, and independent advisers who sell the products of several different companies. The insurance industry and the SIB favour this system because it means the customer knows exactly with whom he is dealing.

Too often at the moment, insurance advisers claiming to be independent sell the policies of only a handful of companies, even though they may not be the most appropriate ones in the circumstances. Under polarization you would know whether the salesman was tied to only one company or was giving genuinely unbiased advice about the whole range of policies on which the commission was more or less the same.

The SIB scheme of things envisages a maximum commission scale, beyond which rates would have to emphasized to potential buyers.

So what should you expect with polarization and without it?

WITH POLARIZATION: You mention to your bank manager that you need some life assurance or want to buy unit trusts. He reaches for a file marked with the bank's name in large letters on the front. All the products detailed in it would be the bank's own. He then asks what kind of insurance or unit trust you want. He talks you through the product range and advises on the most suitable contract.

But you, noticing that they are all from one company, ask for some comparison with those of another company. Your bank manager coughs, perhaps even blushes, and tells you he cannot help because he is allowed to sell only his own products. He directs you instead to the bank's independent brokerage operation around the corner or in the next town.

Feeling energetic, you follow his directions. The broker advises you on products from several different companies. You notice that the best of them is as good as one of those the bank manager offered you, but the broker does not mention that one. He is not allowed to because it is produced by his parent company.

In the end, you buy the best product offered by the broker because you cannot be bothered to go back to the bank to buy its product.

WITHOUT POLARIZATION: You tell your bank manager that you want life assurance or unit trusts and he heaves a mound of files on to his desk. He starts to take you through a vast range of products from many different companies, including his bank. He mentions, in passing, that because he has so many other things to think about he has not had time to look at some of the more recent insurance and unit trust innovations, so he cannot give any very sound advice on them.

You select three or four suitable-looking life assurance products and the manager starts to tell you exactly what commission his bank stands to gain from selling you the policy. After grappling with the complexities of life assurance you now grapple with the complexities of commission scales. You get a headache.

Still, fortunately you do not have to get up and go elsewhere for further advice. By disclosing the commission rates, the bank manager proves to your satisfaction that he is not selling you one particular policy merely because he will get a higher commission for it. You buy the product.

The second method is the one advocated by the banks and the Office of Fair Trading under Sir Gordon Borrie. It is probably more practical and convenient in the sense that all the advice is theoretically available under one roof. It may, however, mean you do not get the most thorough advice and you will have the additional hassle of understanding the commission charges.

In the end, polarization is almost certain to win the day because the Government supports it. It is a central plank of the SIB's plans for the City and it would be politically embarrassing for the government if the SIB's authority was challenged from the start by throwing out polarization.

Unit trusts make a trip to Belgium

Dumenil Unit Trust Management Ltd, the UK subsidiary of the French securities house Dumenil-Leble, has today launched the first UK-authorized unit trust to invest exclusively in the Belgian stock market.

The Belgium Growth Fund will be managed from London and Brussels and will be invested primarily in Belgian stocks and shares.

The initial portfolio is expected to comprise 20 to 25 different holdings, which will account for 80 per cent of the fund; the remaining 20 per cent will be held in bonds.

The sectors currently favoured by the fund managers are petrol, construction and banking and financial services – with the insurance industry being considered particularly attractive.

In addition, a large proportion of the fund will be invested in holding companies and there will be some exposure to utilities such as gas and electricity.

Examples of specific companies being considered by Dumenil are BBL and A.G. Financière of the banking and insurance industries respectively, the construction company Bankaert, Petrofina, and Delhaize, a company involved in retail distribution.

Although the company has a preference for these sectors, Christoper Fawcett, managing director of Dumenil's unit trust operations, stressed that it would consider investing in any company that looked both good and cheap.

He also said it will be looking to invest in any new issues. And apparently, the Brussels-based Banque Degroof, investment advisers to the fund, has already indicated to Dumenil that it has several flotations in the pipeline.

So why Belgium and why now? Mr Fawcett maintains that Belgium has undergone a fundamental change during the past five years, and as a result of firm government measures it now has a strengthening economy and currency as well as a low inflation rate. Indeed, last year Belgium had the second lowest inflation rate in Europe.

As for its size, in terms of market capitalization, although it is smaller than Singapore, Belgium is almost the equal of Spain and Hong Kong.

Regardless of these attractions, however, investors must remember that such a specialist fund is inevitably fairly risky. Indeed, Mr Fawcett admits the fund is designed to appeal to the "more sophisticated investors with a lot of money who are looking to invest their fringe money with a view to high performance."

The Belgium Growth Fund is Dumenil's third specialist European fund. Last September it introduced the first French fund, which now has £18 million under management, and in January it launched the first Spanish fund, which has taken in £28 million to date.

The minimum initial investment is £1,000 and subsequent additions of £250 can be made. There is a 5 per cent initial charge and the annual management fee is 1.25 per cent. Investors who wish to switch between Dumenil's unit trust funds will be given a discount of 2.5 per cent. Units cost £1 during the offer period, which ends on April 15.

Amanda Pardoe

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Summer solutions to those AVC questions

To date only 10 per cent of all the employees belonging to occupational pension schemes have sought to increase their retirement benefits by making additional voluntary contributions (AVCs).

The DHSS, however, is hoping this figure will rise as a result of the changes announced in the Budget.

At the moment people can make AVCs only if their own pension scheme offers a suitable savings vehicle. But from October this year members of an occupational pension scheme will be able to pay AVCs into the pensions savings plan of their choice, irrespective of their employer's arrangements.

As long as they are within the Inland Revenue's tax-approvable limits, at the moment 15 per cent of gross earnings, these "free-standing" AVCs will be able to run alongside occupational AVCs.

However, whereas traditionally employees have been able to commute their occupational AVC *rights to provide* a tax-free lump sum, anyone opting for the free-standing variety will be able to take the benefits only in the form of a pension.

This particular aspect is currently causing a *great deal of concern. And* at present nobody has been able to clarify whether or not employees who have already made AVCs through an occupational pension scheme on the understanding that they will be able to commute the benefit on their retirement will now be prevented from doing so.

Similarly, it is unclear whether or not this restriction will apply to AVCs made to an occupational scheme after October. Neither the Treasury nor the DHSS seems to know the answer to these questions, and although it seems highly unlikely that existing arrange*ments will be affected*, a definite statement is not expected until the Finance Act is passed in the summer.

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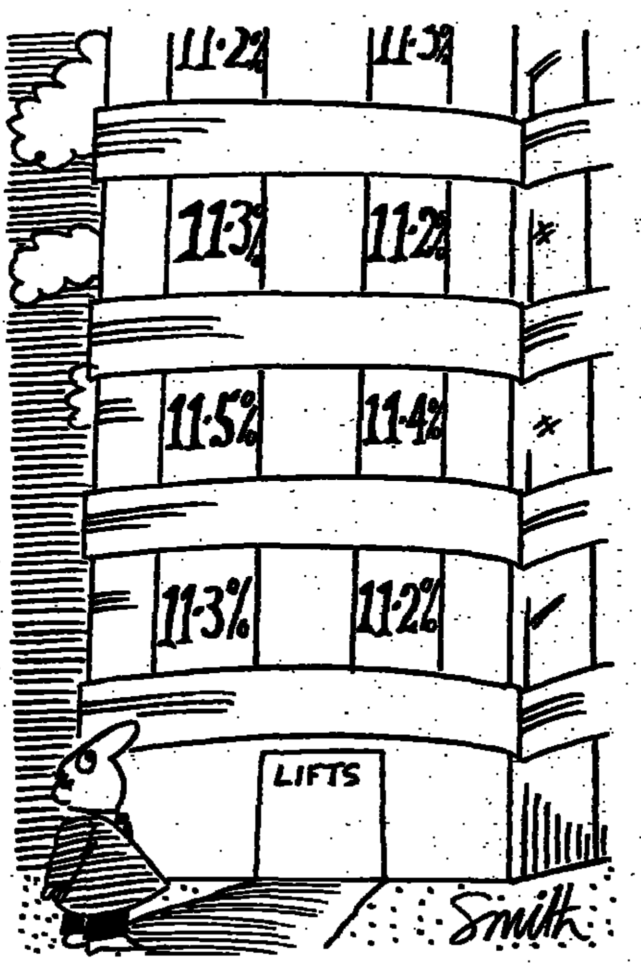
The maths of a mortgage



One subject that has been at the forefront of all homeowners' minds in recent weeks is the rate of mortgage interest. And now that several building societies and banks have paved the way, it looks as though most borrowers can expect a rate of 11.25 per cent.

Anyone taking out a mortgage with a lender charging more may therefore feel rather cheated. The Midland Bank, for example, having been the first to announce a cut this month, is charging 11.5 per cent, and Lloyds Bank has this week lowered its home loan rate to 11.3 per cent.

But even if all the building societies and banks reduced their rates to the same stated rate of 11.25 per cent, the monthly payments on any given repayment mortgage may differ quite considerably from one lender to another.

One reason for this seemingly nonsensical *statement* is that not all lenders use the same method of calculating the interest on the loan.

Most building societies, for example, use what is known as the annual rest or annualized system, whereby the society gives the lender the benefit of any reductions made to the capital part of the loan only once every year. In other words, the capital balance of the mortgage does not reduce with every monthly payment – only one reduction of capital is made in any year, and this is often on January 1.

Other lenders, such as Barclays, Lloyds and Midland, calculate the interest on a daily basis on the reducing balance. Barclays and Midland then apply this quarterly, and Lloyds charges it on a monthly basis. By using this system, any capital which has been repaid is taken into account immediately.

Barclays Bank, in fact, offers two different systems, but the annually revised version referred to above and throughout the article is requested more often.

Another factor that must always be considered is the point at which any change in the interest rate is reflected in the borrower's monthly payments.

For example, when the rate *charged by Barclays to existing* borrowers falls to 11.25 per cent on May 1, the amount of interest on their mortgages from then on will be calculated at the new rate. However, their monthly repayments will not be revised unless they specifically make a request. Instead, on the anniversary of the mortgage, the bank will recalculate their loan, taking this and any *other* rate changes into account.

Sum repaid will be the same in the end

By contrast, the National Westminster Bank, in common with most building societies, amends the monthly repayment figure as soon as the new rate comes into effect.

But lenders who adopt this method usually base the interest on the balance of the loan as at the end of the previous year, which means that any reduction in the capital since then is not taken into account. They do, however, *take into account* any capital reduction when calculating the instalments and the term of the loan.

To complicate matters further, the way in which mortgage interest relief is calculated can also vary from one lender to another. Some lenders, such as the Midland Bank, base the tax relief on a fully accurate and up-to-date calculation of interest due since the previous payment, and the amount varies from month to month depending on the number of days in the month.

Other lenders, like most building societies, use what is known as the constant net repayment system, whereby the amount of mortgage interest relief due is calculated on an average spread over the full term of the mortgage.

But, regardless of the way in which the interest relief is calculated and credited, the amount repaid will be the same by the end of the loan.

If you are now feeling totally confused, don't worry. The decision to opt for a particular system should be determined by how much you can afford to pay initially, and should also take into account the full cost of the loan.

If you would prefer the repayments to be lower to begin with, then the system used by, say, Barclays Bank or the Midland may be preferable. To illustrate, a £30,000 repayment mortgage running for 25 years at 11.5 per cent with the Midland will cost a basic rate taxpayer (using the new 27 per cent rate) £225.15 on average in the first year, £238.03 in year 12 and £296.40 in the last year of the mortgage.

On the other hand, the same mortgage, taken out at 11.25 per cent with the Abbey National, will cost £238.46 throughout the term of the loan. In each case, this assumes that the interest rate and the rate of tax relief remains unchanged.

Apart from the fact that a new borrower may be financially stretched and therefore prefer a lower sum in the early years, anyone who plans to move house after a short period of time, may find the Midland-type system more attractive.

The second point to bear in mind is the true cost of the loan. This is shown in the Annual Percentage Rate (APR). For anyone who has forgotten what the APR represents, it is a standardized measurement of the total cost of credit, which is expressed as an annual rate.

WHY PAYMENTS DIFFER

- **Not all lenders use the same method of calculating the interest on the loan**
- **Some charge interest on the reducing balance throughout the year**
- **Some adjust the capital sum only once a year**
- ***When there is a change in* the rate of interest, this may or may not be immediately reflected in the monthly payments**
- **Mortgage interest relief may be calculated on the actual amount of interest paid, or averaged out over the term of the loan**

Apart from the interest on the loan itself, the APR includes any other charges you may have to pay as a condition of getting the loan. In the case of a mortgage, any arrangement fee, the solicitor's mortgage charges and the valuation fee, for example, *are all taken into account*. And the way in which the interest is calculated will be reflected in the APR.

The fact that the way in which the APR is calculated is standardized means that it provides the most accurate *method of comparison, setting* aside any variation between the estimated figure used and the actual cost of the fees incurred when setting up the mortgage.

To demonstrate, the APR, that is, the true cost, of a 25-year repayment mortgage of £30,000 borrowed from either the Abbey National or the Midland Bank is 12 per cent, and yet the stated rates are different. The Abbey quotes 11.25 per cent and the Midland, 11.5 per cent.

So if these rates were to remain unchanged for the duration of the loan, the mortgage supplied by the Abbey National would cost the same as that given by the Midland Bank. This example illustrates the effect that the method used for calculating *the interest can have*.

Likewise, Barclays Bank quotes the same flat rate as the Abbey National, that is, 11.25 per cent, but it uses a similar method of calculating the interest as the Midland Bank. Consequently, its APR, using the same illustration, is 11.8 per cent.

The lesson to be learned, therefore, is that it pays to look at both the size of the monthly payments and the APR. Some people will be happier knowing that their repayments will be lower in the *early years, but others will* prefer the certainty of reasonably constant payments.

In either case, it is vital to compare the true cost of the home loan.

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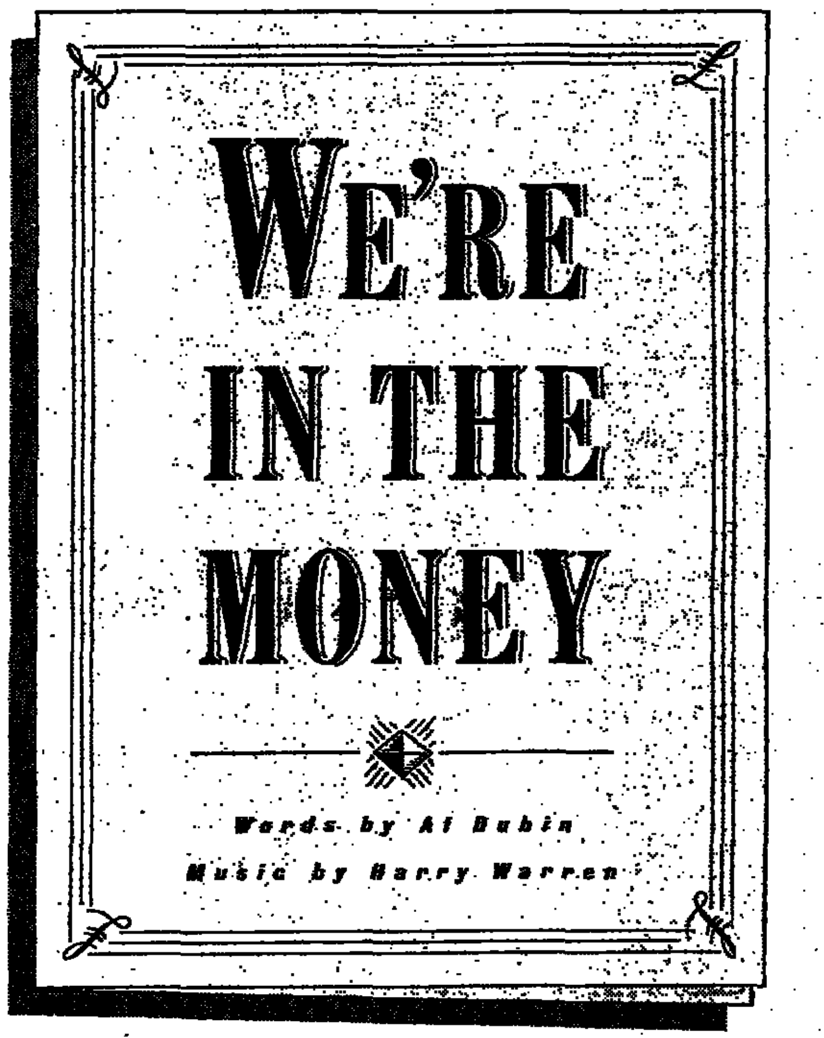

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FAMILY MONEY/3

Halifax aid for the homeless

■ The Halifax Building Society is providing a £27 million loan to cover the full costs of a major housing project for homeless people in the London Borough of Ealing.

The 10.3-acre development will consist of 256 architect-designed houses and flats to provide homes for singles, couples, families, the elderly and the disabled.

Under the agreement, the Notting Hill Housing Trust has acquired the land from Barratt Central London and will purchase from the company every one of the homes as they are built. The homes will then be let to tenants from Ealing Council's housing waiting list. The council has 750 households in bed and breakfast accommodation, and 1,000 people are accepted by the authority as homeless every year.

The first homes are due for occupation this summer and the project should be completed by the autumn of 1989.

The 14.25% average

■ Rates for commercial mortgages currently range from 12.35 per cent to 15.6 per cent, according to the April issue of *Blay's Commercial Mortgage Tables*. The present average rate is around 14.25 per cent.

Blay's reports that nearly all building societies' rates remain unchanged at present, and large variations in rates and advances continue to be a feature of the market. The majority of lenders are waiting for a further fall in bank base rates before reducing their lending rates.

Books to help

■ Moving house is one of the most stressful events in life, beaten only by bereavement and divorce. So information to prepare buyers for what lies ahead is vital reading for anyone considering buying or selling a property.

That is the thinking behind a book out next week sponsored by the Anglia Building Society. *The Homeowner's Guide* provides step-by-step advice from the initial search for a property to its completion.

Still on the subject of housing, the new edition of *The Housing Rights Guide* warns that the number of homeless people has more than doubled in the past 10 years and is in danger of spiralling out of control.

The Homeowner's Guide is available at £5.95 from bookshops or at £6.45 direct from the publishers, Rosters Ltd, 60 Welbeck Street, London W1M 7HB. *The Housing Rights Guide* can be obtained from SHAC, 189a Old Brompton Road, London SW5 OAR, at £4.95 including postage and packing.

Indian fund

■ ANZ merchant bank is sponsoring a new venture capital fund on behalf of Grindlays Bank and Investors in Industry (3i).

The India Investment Fund Ltd will be managed from Guernsey by Grindlays Investment Services (Overseas) Ltd, which is jointly owned by Grindlays and 3i. The fund is designed to achieve long-term capital appreciation and will be invested in both new companies and existing companies that are seeking to diversify. It is expected that the portfolio will have a bias towards hi-tech companies.

The capital of the fund is US$15m, a figure the fund managers are confident they will have no trouble in investing quickly. The fund is aimed at non-resident Indians in particular, and 60 per cent of the subscriptions must be from non-resident Indians.

The fund will run for seven years, after which shares will be redeemed. However, investors will be able to sell their holdings at an earlier date if they wish, provided that the ratio of non-resident Indians to others is maintained. The fund will not be quoted on any recognized stock exchange, but Grindlays Investment Services will be prepared to assist investors who wish to find a buyer for their shares.

The fund opens for subscription on April 14 and is due to close on May 11. Shares will be offered at US$10.30 each. The minimum investment is US$25,000.

One for the rules

■ Concern that the small investor's purse will be no match for the resources of the big institutions and City watchdogs in disputes has brought a proposal from the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators that the cheaper, quicker option of independent arbitration should be provided.

The institute wants the SIB, the chief City regulatory authority, to include this alternative in its rule book, which is now being given final consideration by r Paul Channon, the Trade and Industry Secretary.

As drafted, the SIB rules are inadequate to protect the non-professional investor, the institute says, pointing out that they contain no provision for conciliation and no alternative to costly litigation in disputes.

Tiers of hearings, with the usual delays and high legal costs, threaten to pitch the small investor into unequal battle with the professionals.

The institute proposes the inclusion of provisions for conciliation, and speedy, inexpensive and informal arbitration where non-professionals are claiming more than £5,000. A three-member tribunal would arbitrate for disputes involving bigger sums.

■ Lloyds Bank is clearly hoping to build up the number of customers for its Asset Management Service, particularly now that Allied Dunbar is no longer marketing its Financial Management Programme.

Lloyds said this week it had now built up to 7,500 clients for its service, which includes investment management and a "cash sweep" facility from current account to high-interest investment account.

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The first unit trust to hit the high street

The Midland Bank yesterday launched the first unit trust to invest exclusively in consumer manufacturers and retailers. The International High Street Unit Trust will aim for long-term capital growth by investing in any industry or service that is likely to benefit from consumer expenditure.

The initial portfolio will include familiar household names such as the Argyll Group, Burtons, Boots, Grand Metropolitan, Marks & Spencer and Sainsbury's.

In addition to these UK companies the fund will have holdings in foreign stores in other European contries, the United States and Japan.

The minimum initial investment is £250 for a lump sum or £10 per month for a regular savings scheme. A 1 per cent bonus will be given on lump sum investments of more than £500 made before April 16. Regular savings of £25 a month or more will also get a 1 per cent bonus after two years, increasing to 2 per cent after four years.

Next week will see the launch of FS Investment Managers' fifth unit trust. The American Growth Fund will be invested in both the United States and Canada.

The minimum initial investment is £500. The offer price of 25p per unit is fixed until April 21, and there will be a 1 per cent discount throughout April.

Insurers in revolt

The insurance industry is stepping up its battle with the Inland Revenue over a capital gains tax change announced in the Chancellor's Budget.

At first sight the change looked like a minor fidying-up move but it is now clear that it represents a potential blow not only to the life companies themselves but also to policyholders.

The Chancellor's proposal is that companies should in future pay capital gains tax on realized gains at their corporation tax rate. For insurance companies this means a capital gains tax rate of 35 per cent, up from the previous level of 30 per cent.

Inevitably the insurance companies will pass this higher tax on to their policyholders in the form of lower cash-in values on both regular premium and single-premium policies.

Richard Cockroft, of M&G Life Assurance, said yesterday that on some of his company's contracts policyholders were now getting up to 4 per cent less on maturity than they would have received just one week ago.

Meanwhile, the Association iof British Insurers is continuing its lobbying of politicians in an attempt to persuade the Chancellor to change his mind.

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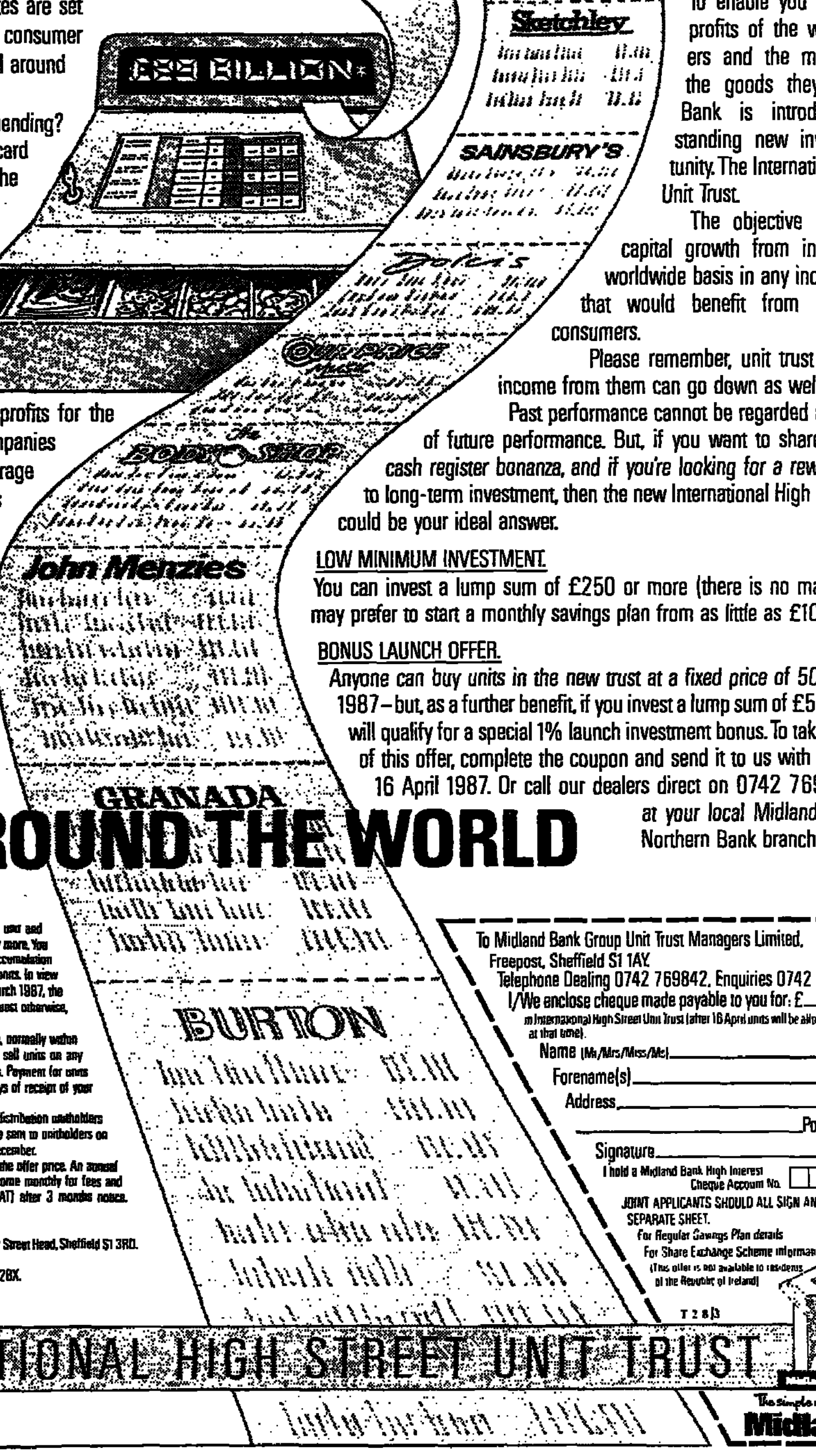

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Remember the claims you can make as the year closes

With just one week left before the current tax year ends, there is still time to avoid paying unnecessary tax. In the last of their series on tax planning, DANBY BLOCH and RAYMOND GODFREY advise

We are now in the run-up to the final week before the fiscal New Year's Eve — April 5. On that date, we can confidently predict that thousands of taxpayers will, from bad luck, sloth, ignorance, incompetence, poor advice or just shortage of cash, let pass the opportunity to save some otherwise avoidable tax.

There are many time limits that fall on April 5 — too many to list in full. Some of the important ones, such as relating back retirement annuity premiums, claiming for Business Expansion Scheme investments or Enterprise Zone building investments, have their own specific deadlines. For example, if you invested in a BES in 1984-85, you must have lodged your claim by April 5, 1987 — otherwise it will lapse.

But where there are no specific rules setting out a time limit on claiming reliefs and allowances, the general one applies, which is six years from the end of the relevant year of assessment. So, by April 5 you must have lodged your claim for any allowances to which you are entitled but which you have not claimed for the tax year 1980-81.

If you finished up being assessed for too much tax as a result of a mistake that either you or the taxman made for *1980-81*, you are nearly *too* late to put it right.

In this series of articles on end-of-year planning, we have concentrated on several key tax-saving actions that you should have been considering. The following is a brief but more exhaustive checklist:

INCOME TAX

● You should consider making or revoking the wife's earnings election (separate taxation for your wife's earnings). As a rough guideline for last year (1985-86), the election could be worthwhile where joint income is more than £25,361 and if the lower income is at least £6,955.

● If you run a business, is your wife being paid for her work? So long as she has no other income, her first £2,335 in this tax year will be free of tax. If you want to save National Insurance contributions, the upper limit on her pay is effectively £1,976.

● If you are aged 65 or more *in the current tax year*, you could claim age relief. This increases your personal allowances by £515 for a single person and £850 for a married couple. But where income exceeds £9,400, the extra relief is reduced by £2 for every £3 *of excess. The reduction* amounts to an effective tax rate of almost 50 per cent. So if there is any income payable to you on March 31 that could bring you into this age allowance trap, you might still be in time to arrange for the income to fall into the next tax year.

BUSINESS

● If you are starting a business and you are likely to make an initial loss, you could set this loss against your 1983-84 income, so long as you begin trading before April 5, 1987.

● Have you made a loss on an investment in an unquoted trading company in 1984-85? If so, you have one week to claim the tax relief.

COMPANY CARS

● Drivers of company cars who are close to achieving 2,500 business miles this year (but have not quite made it) still have a few days in which to clock up those tax-saving miles. If you are on the verge of 18,000 business miles, remember exceeding that threshold will halve your car and fuel benefits charge.

● Does your employer pay for the private mileage in your company car? For many people this perk is not worthwhile because the tax charge is more than the saving. Check the figure for your own position — it could be worth paying back your employer for the private mileage.

WORKING ABROAD

● If you are going abroad to work, it could be worth leaving the UK before April 5. If you do, *1987-88* could be treated as the first year of non-residence for tax purposes. Even if you come back briefly after April 6, 1987, this move could save both income tax and capital gains tax.

TAX SHELTERS

● You can invest up to £40,000 in a Business Expansion Scheme *and obtain full* tax relief on the input. There are still several schemes around even at this late stage.

● You could get tax relief on an investment into Enterprise Zone Buildings. For many people, this is best financed by a loan at least in part because the interest can be offset against the rental *income*. You can buy into entire buildings or unitized schemes.

COVENANTS

● Deeds of covenant are an outstandingly tax-efficient way of making gifts because they qualify for basic rate tax relief. With basic rate tax coming down from 29 per cent this year to 27 per cent next year, a covenant set up before April 5, 1987, is more valuable than one started afterwards. Children (not your own under the age of 18), students, and old people are all suitable candidates for receiving covenanted gifts, if their in*come* is less than the single person's allowance of £2,335. Charitable covenants qualify for full tax relief.

PENSIONS

● You can pay a retirement annuity premium before April 5 and choose to have it treated as if you paid it in 1985-86. That means you can get tax relief at 30 per cent if you are are a basic rate taxpayer, compared with this year's 29 per cent rate and next year's 27 per cent rate.

● You can also catch up on premiums that you could have paid, as far back as 1979-80 in some cases.

● You could ask for a bonus of part of your salary to be *sacrificed* and *invested* as an employer's contribution.

CAPITAL GAINS TAX

● Many people have made substantial capital gains on their portfolio of shares or unit trusts. If you are one of them, consider realizing up to £6,300 of net gains by either switching to new investments or by selling and buying back (bed-and-breakfasting).

● If you have realized gains and some loss you have not realized, it might be worth selling the loss-makers to reduce your taxable gains to below the £6,300 exemption level.

● If you have some really poor investments on which you have lost at least 95 per cent of their original value you could claim a loss, even if you have not sold them.

● Where you have made a loan to a person or company carrying on a trade, and that loan has become irrecoverable, you may be able to claim capital gains tax relief for the loss.

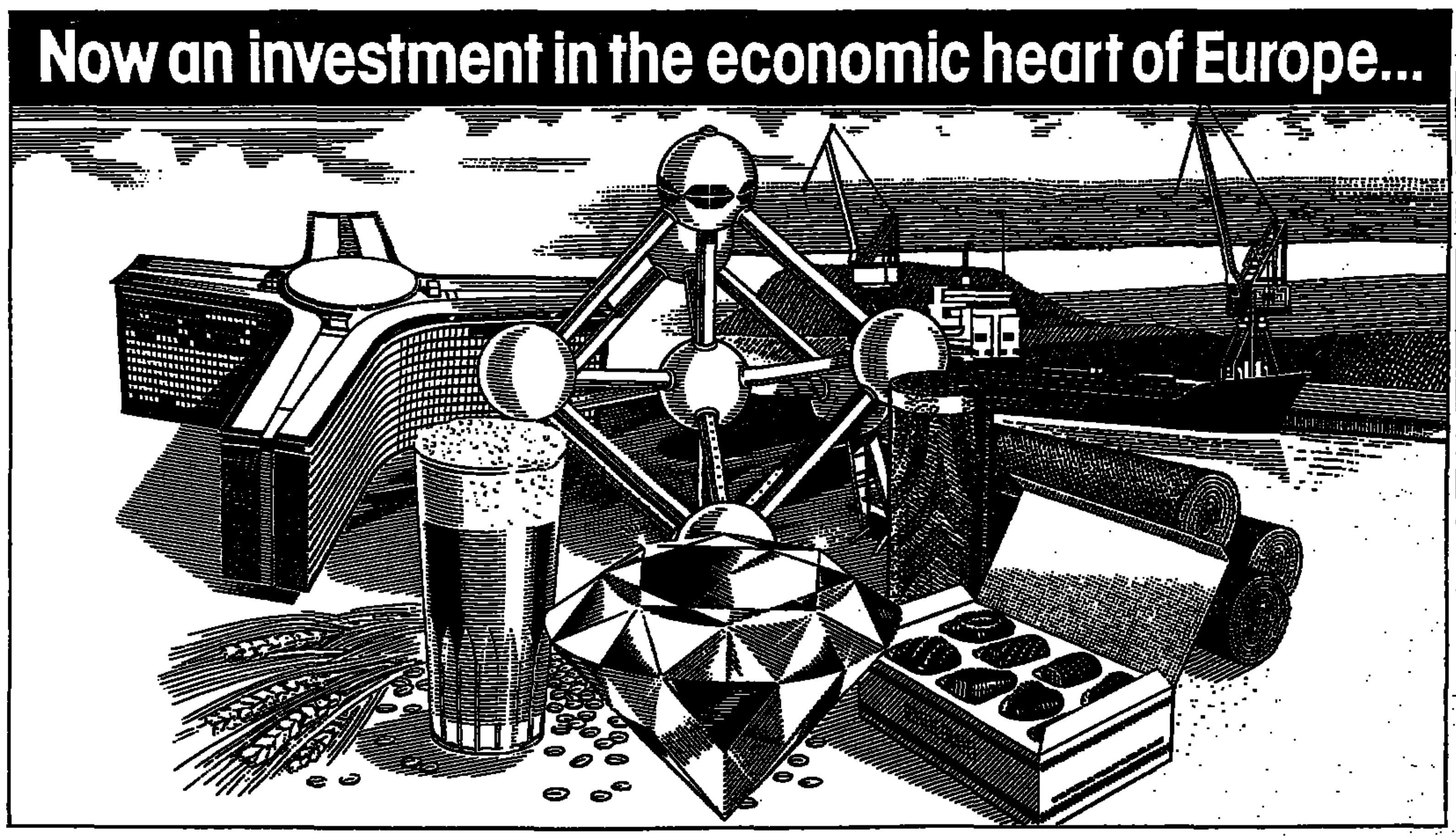
INHERITANCE TAX

● Consider making gifts in order to use your annual exemptions. These are basically £3,000 per year per donor and regular gifts from income which leave your standard of living unaffected.

● You can also make substantial life-time gifts either in trust or outright, and so long as you survive seven years they will normally be tax-free. If you can afford it, you should start planning as early as possible.

The countdown to Sunday, April 5, is nearly finished. The last day in practice for taking action is likely to be Friday, April 3. But most of the actions that we have suggested should be set in motion on Monday at the very latest. Even then, you will be cutting it fine.

Now an investment in the economic heart of Europe...



DUMÉNIL Belgian Growth Fund

Belgium has always held a vital strategic position within the European economy, having the largest ports conglomeration in Europe and ready access to all European markets.

The economic indicators say 'go' for the Belgian economy. With revitalised industries, exports up, a stable currency and a stockmarket performing well beyond expectations. Inflation in 1986 was just 0.6%, below that of Switzerland, and it should not be higher than 1% in 1987. Belgium won't remain a hidden asset in Europe for much longer.

To enable the private investor to profit from the swelling tide of prosperity in Belgium, Duménil is pleased to announce Britain's first authorised unit trust for investment specifically in Belgium, the Duménil Belgian Growth Fund.

New opportunities

The Fund aims for maximum capital growth through locally researched and advised investment in those areas of economic activity with the most potential. Companies such as Petrofina, Société Générale de Belgique, Solvay, Sofina and Gevaert are likely to be considered for the portfolio. The resurgence of Belgium's companies, which are once again highly profitable and competitive, will create many investment opportunities for the managers to exploit.

THE ECONOMIC INDICATORS SAY 'GO' FOR THE BELGIAN ECONOMY

Innovation and expertise

The Fund will be managed by Duménil Unit Trust Management, known for their dynamic and innovative, 'hands on' approach to fund management.

The advisers are Banque Degroof in Brussels, the leading Belgian private merchant bank, well known for its investment management skills and renowned for having its finger on the pulse of Belgian industry and commerce.

Invest now

Units are available at a special Fixed Offer Price of 100p until 15th April 1987. After the initial fixed price offer closes, units may be purchased at the current quoted offer price. The minimum initial investment is £1,000. The estimated *initial gross yield* is 3% p.a.

To invest, return the coupon with your cheque without delay or call us on 01-499 6383. Dealing lines will also be open from 10am – 4pm Sat, 10am – 12 noon Sun during the offer period.

Remember the price of units and the income from them may go down as well as up.

You should regard your investment as long term.

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FIXED PRICE OFFER AT 100p UNTIL 15th APRIL 1987

To: Duménil Unit Trust Management Limited, 54 St. James's Street, London SW1A 1JT
I/we wish to invest £ (minimum £1,000) in the Duménil Belgian Growth Fund at the fixed introductory price of 100p (Valid until 15th April 1987).
A cheque is enclosed payable to Duménil Unit Trust Management Limited.
I am/we are over 18 years of age. ☐ Please tick box if reinvestment of income is required.
This offer is not open to residents of the Republic of Ireland.
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(Joint applicants must each sign and give full details)

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For a high-rise investment, try the top property trust.

Although investing in commercial property can be a very risky venture, investing in commercial property shares can prove extremely lucrative. But only if you know what you're doing. And nobody knows this market better than we do.

The top performing fund

We launched our Property Share Trust in May 1983 and it's been an outstanding success ever since. Not only is it the top performing fund in its sector over three years, but its units have more than tripled in value since launch. And that's almost twice the rate of growth of the FTA All-Share Index over the same period to March 1st 1987.

Excellent growth potential

As far as future growth is concerned, we think the prospects remain excellent. We're able to adapt quickly to changing market conditions, one of the advantages of investing in property shares rather than actual property.

For full details, fill in the coupon now, or contact your usual adviser. Because if you're moving into property, it pays to go straight to the top.

To: Guardian Royal Exchange Unit Managers Limited, Royal Exchange, London EC3V 3LS.
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THE M&G UNIT TRUST PERSONAL EQUITY PLAN

PEP

Personal Equity Plans (PEPs) were introduced by the Chancellor of The Exchequer to provide a tax incentive for equity investment. Provided that you hold your PEP for at least one full calendar year following the end of the year in which you start, it will be free from tax on reinvested income and capital gain.

The M&G Personal Equity Plan invests only in unit trusts – the best way for most people to invest in equities. There are no extra charges for PEP management. The only charges are those you normally pay for unit trusts – 5% included in the initial price and an annual management fee of up to 1% plus VAT.

The price of units and the income from them may go down as well as up. They are not suitable for money you may need at short notice.

HOW THE PLAN WORKS

You may contribute £35 a month to your 'current plan' by direct debit, or a lump sum of £420 in any one year. Each 31st December your current plan is complete and becomes a 'holding plan'. Provided that plan remains undisturbed for a further 12 months, it becomes a 'mature plan' and from then on you can make withdrawals from it without losing any tax benefits. If you withdraw any cash from your plan before it matures, your plan terminates immediately and all your tax benefits will be forfeited. A deduction may be made from the proceeds in respect of any tax benefits received or otherwise due to you.

You can only take out one PEP in any one year. The maximum that can be paid into a PEP investing directly in shares is £200 a month or £2,400 a year, but PEPs linked exclusively to unit trusts are limited to £35 a month or £420 a year. Anyone over the age of 18 regarded as ordinarily resident in the UK for tax purposes can take out a plan and a husband and wife can each have a plan.

The whole of each contribution to the M&G Unit Trust Personal Equity Plan is invested in Accumulation units of whichever M&G unit trust you choose, at the 'offered' price (at which you buy) ruling on the day your contribution is received. The previous day's offered price and the lower 'bid' price (at which you sell) are published every day in the Financial Times and The Daily Telegraph.

Net income is automatically reinvested, helping to increase the value of your units. Income tax reclaimed on your behalf by M&G will be used to buy further units on the day it is received from the Inland Revenue. Units are registered in the name of M&G Financial Services Limited or its designated nominee. Each January we will send you a comprehensive statement of your account. You will also be sent regular managers' reports on the unit trust in which you are building up an investment.

When you wish to sell your holding, or part of it, you have only to write to M&G at the address below. You will then receive our cheque for the proceeds, normally within a few days. Actual rights will be governed solely by the Terms and Conditions of the plan which are available on request.

CHOOSING YOUR UNIT TRUST

We recommend that you link your PEP to The **M&G Dividend Fund,** because its above average yield makes good use of the tax advantage. It also has an impressive investment record since its launch in May, 1964. £1,000 invested at its launch would, with all income reinvested net of basic-rate tax, have grown to £29,026 by 1st March 1987, while £1,000 deposited with a building society over the same period would have become just £5,763. M&G Dividend Fund aims to provide a return about 50% higher than that of the FT. Actuaries All-Share Index through a wide selection of ordinary shares, mainly in the UK. On 25th March 1987, the estimated gross current yield was 4.14% at an offered price for Accumulation units of 1639.2p. The Trustee is Barclays Bank Trust Co. Limited. The Fund is a wider-range investment and is authorised by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry.

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M&G UNIT TRUST PERSONAL EQUITY PLAN – APPLICATION FORM

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Mr Mrs Miss Full forenames

Surname

Permanent Address

Postcode

Daytime Telephone No

National Insurance No ☐☐☐☐☐☐ Your application cannot be accepted without your National Insurance Number. It is usually shown on your pay slip

Tax District

Reference No (if known)

I wish to open an M&G Unit Trust Personal Equity Plan for 1987 and each following calendar year. If you do not want a new M&G Unit Trust Personal Equity Plan to start automatically each year, please tick this box ☐

IMPORTANT Section A or B MUST be deleted.

A. **REGULAR SAVINGS.** I agree to contribute the sum of £35 per month, and have completed the Direct Debit Instruction below and enclose my cheque payable to M&G Financial Services Limited for my first contribution

B. **LUMP SUM.** I enclose a cheque for £420 made payable to M&G Financial Services Limited.

The M&G Fund I have selected is

(Insert your choice or your plan will be linked to The M&G Dividend Fund)

If you wish to attend and vote at Unitholder meetings and to receive additional information issued to Unitholders, please tick this box. ☐

I agree that all Personal Equity Plans opened by the Plan Manager pursuant to this Application will be governed by the Terms and Conditions applicable to M&G Unit Trust Personal Equity Plans. I understand that a copy of the Terms and Conditions is available to me, and I agree to be bound by them in all respects.

I certify that:

(1) I am aged 18 years or over

(2) I am resident and ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom or perform duties, though non-resident, which by virtue of Section 184(3)(a) of the Taxes Act (Crown employees serving overseas) are treated as being performed in the United Kingdom.

(3) I have not applied to subscribe for and have not made payments to any other Personal Equity Plan for the current calendar year nor for any subsequent calendar years.

I hereby authorise M&G Financial Services Limited:

(1) to hold my contributions and the investments, distributions, interest, cash and any other rights or proceeds received in respect of them in the Personal Equity Plan to which they are attributable,

(2) to make all appropriate claims for tax relief in respect of plan investments on my behalf,

(3) if I request you to do so, to transfer or pay to me any investments, interest, distributions, rights or other proceeds in respect of such investments held in a Plan, or any other cash held therein notwithstanding that such transfer or payment will render the Plan void.

I hereby declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the above information is true and correct, and agree to inform M&G Financial Services Limited promptly of any change in my circumstances which affects any of this information.

SIGNATURE

DATE

DIRECT DEBIT INSTRUCTION
Please do not detach from the application form

Please complete Parts 1 to 5 to instruct your Bank to make payments directly from your account. Then return the form to.

M&G FINANCIAL SERVICES LIMITED
M&G HOUSE, VICTORIA ROAD, CHELMSFORD CM1 1FB

Originator's Identification Number **957231**

Originator's Reference M&G PEP leave blank

1 The Manager Bank

(Full address of your Bank Branch)

2 Bank Sorting Code ☐☐-☐☐-☐☐

3 Name of your Account

4 Your Account Number ☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐

5. Instructions to your bank and signature (signatures for joint accounts where required)

I instruct you to pay Direct Debits from my account at the request of M&G Financial Services Limited.

The amounts are variable and may be debited on various dates.

I understand that M&G Financial Services Limited may change the amounts and dates only after giving me prior notice.

I will inform the bank in writing if I wish to cancel this instruction

I understand that if any Direct Debit is paid which breaks the terms of the Instruction, the bank will make a refund.

Signature(s)

Date

Banks may decline to accept Instructions to pay Direct Debits from some types of accounts other than current accounts.

PLEASE POST COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM TO: M&G FINANCIAL SERVICES LIMITED, M&G HOUSE, VICTORIA ROAD, CHELMSFORD CM1 1FB.

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ARE YOU

Self-employed
OR Employed, with no pension rights other than under the State Scheme
OR A member of your employer's pension scheme but with earnings from other sources which carry no pension entitlement?

IF SO you can build up a pension with full tax relief on contributions that fall within the generous limits allowed by the Inland Revenue.

EXAMPLE:	Amount contributed	Tax relief	Cost to you
Basic-rate taxpayer (29%*)	£1,000	£290	£710
Higher-rate taxpayer (60%)	£1,000	£600	£400

*Reducing to 27% for 1987-88.

The M&G Flexible Pension Plan does not commit you to making a contribution every year, and there is no penalty if you discontinue. The pension fund you have built up will remain invested until you choose to retire. To find out more send off this coupon and we will send you details of the plan.

Send for details of the M&G Flexible Pension Plan (Single Premium) to: M&G Life, M&G House, Victoria Road, Chelmsford CM1 1FB. Tel: (0245) 266266.

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The only 3 Unit Trusts most investors should ever need

ACT BEFORE 5th APRIL

With over one thousand unit trusts available and more being launched each month, how do you know which to choose? In reality there are only three basic types of unit trust, and M&G has an outstandingly successful example of each: Recovery Fund for capital growth, Dividend Fund for an increasing income, and SECOND General for a balance between income and growth.

You should remember that new funds or funds which suffer a change of management are likely to be more of a gamble than those which can point to a long and successful record. M&G's investment team has remained largely unchanged for many years, and our long-term performance record reflects this. Past performance cannot be a guarantee for the future, but it is usually the best measure you have of a fund's likelihood of achieving its objective.

We are offering an extra 1% unit allocation if you invest £1,000 or more and 2% if you invest £10,000 or more per Fund.

The price of units and the income from them may go down as well as up. This means that unit trusts are a long-term investment and not suitable for money you may need at short notice.

Growth RECOVERY FUND

M&G Recovery Fund is probably the most successful unit trust ever launched and the table below shows just how well it has achieved its aim of capital growth. The Fund buys the shares of companies which have fallen on hard times. Losses must be expected when a company fails to recover but the effect of a turnround can be dramatic.

COMPARATIVE PERFORMANCE TABLE. Value of £10,000 invested at the launch of M&G Recovery Fund on 23rd May, 1969, with net income reinvested.

Year ended 31 DECEMBER	M&G RECOVERY	F.T. ORDINARY INDEX	RETAIL PRICE INDEX	BUILDING SOCIETY
23 May '69	£10,000	£10,000	£10,000	£10,000
1970	11,760	8,570	11,020	11,058
1975	26,400	11,121	21,283	16,178
1980	102,560	17,287	40,175	25,521
1985	270,800	49,474	55,233	40,164
1 Mar '87	487,600	72,365	57,813	43,773*

NOTES All figures include reinvested income net of basic-rate tax.
The Building Society figures are based on an extra-interest account offering 1½% above the average yearly rate (source: Building Societies Association).
M&G Recovery figures are all realisation values. *Estimated.

FURTHER INFORMATION On 25th March 1987 offered prices and estimated gross current yields were

	Income	Accumulation	Yield
Recovery Fund	512·8p	671.8p	2·75%
Dividend Fund	547·5p	1639.2p	4·14%
SECOND General	940·1p	1883.0p	3·05%

Prices and yields appear daily in the Financial Times. The difference between the 'offered' price (at which you buy units) and the 'bid' price (at which you sell) is normally 6%. An initial charge of 5% is included in the offered price and an annual charge of up to 1% of each Fund's value – currently ¾% – plus VAT is deducted from gross income. Income for Accumulation units is reinvested to increase their value and for Income units it is distributed net of basic-rate tax on the following dates:

	Recovery	Dividend	SECOND
Distributions	20 Feb 20 Aug	15 Jan 15 July	15 Feb 15 Aug
Next distribution for new investors	20 Aug 1987	15 July 1987	15 Aug 1987

You can buy or sell units on any business day. Contracts for purchase or sale will be due for settlement two to three weeks later. Remuneration is payable to accredited agents; rates are available on request. The Trustee for Dividend and Recovery is Barclays Bank Trust Co. Limited and for SECOND is Lloyds Bank Plc. The Funds are all wider-range investments and are authorised by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry.

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Advisory Services: 01-626 4588.
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Income DIVIDEND FUND

If you need income which will grow over the years M&G Dividend Fund could be your ideal investment. The Fund invests in a wide range of ordinary shares and aims to provide above average and increasing income and a yield about 50% higher than the F.T. Actuaries All-Share Index.

COMPARATIVE PERFORMANCE TABLE. £10,000 invested in Income units at the launch of M&G Dividend Fund on 6th May, 1964, compared with a similar investment in a Building Society.

Year ended 31 DECEMBER	INCOME		CAPITAL	
	M&G DIVIDEND	BUILDING SOCIETY	M&G DIVIDEND	BUILDING SOCIETY
6 May '64	–	–	£10,000	£10,000
1965	£396	£536	10,200	10,000
1970	463	650	10,760	10,000
1975	828	871	16,300	10,000
1980	1,660	1,200	24,280	10,000
1985	2,278	907	85,160	10,000
1986	2,680	750	84,820	10,000
1 Mar '87	–	–	96,940	10,000

NOTES All income figures shown are net of basic rate tax.
The Building Society income figures are 1½% above the average of the rates offered in each year (source: Building Societies Association).
M&G Dividend capital figures are all realisation values

Balanced SECOND GENERAL

M&G SECOND General Trust Fund aims for consistent growth of both capital and income and has a 30-year performance record which is second to none. It has a wide spread of shares mainly in British companies.

COMPARATIVE PERFORMANCE TABLE. Value of £10,000 invested at the launch of M&G SECOND General on 5th June, 1956, with net income reinvested.

Year ended 31 DECEMBER	M&G SECOND	F.T. ORDINARY INDEX	RETAIL PRICE INDEX	BUILDING SOCIETY
5 June '56	£10,000	£10,000	£10,000	£10,000
1960	19,520	20,080	11,293	12,483
1965	31,320	26,230	13,492	16,093
1970	46,480	30,540	17,143	21,636
1975	79,840	39,620	33,107	31,651
1980	195,400	61,600	62,494	49,931
1985	546,000	176,240	85,918	78,580
1 Mar '87	840,560	257,800	89,932	85,641*

NOTES All figures include reinvested income net of basic-rate tax.
The Building Society figures are based on an extra-interest account offering 1½% above the average yearly rate (source: Building Societies Association).
M&G SECOND General figures are all realisation values. *Estimated.

SPECIAL OFFER CLOSES 5th APRIL

All applications received by 5th April 1987 will be given an extra 1% allocation of units. This will increase to 2% for applications of £10,000 or more per Fund.

To: M&G SECURITIES LIMITED, M&G HOUSE, VICTORIA ROAD, CHELMSFORD CM1 1FB.
Please invest the sum(s) indicated below in the Fund(s) of my choice (minimum investment in each Fund: £1,000) in **ACCUMULATION/INCOME** units (delete as applicable or Accumulation units will be issued for Recovery and SECOND and Income units will be issued for Dividend) at the price ruling on receipt of this application. **DO NOT SEND ANY MONEY.**

A contract note will be sent to you stating exactly how much you owe and the settlement date. Your certificate will follow shortly

RECOVERY (MIN £1,000)	£	·00
DIVIDEND (MIN £1,000)	£	·00
SECOND (MIN £1,000)	£	·00

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£25 A MONTH CAN ACCUMULATE A LOT OF MONEY

If you had chosen fifteen years ago to save £25 a month in a building society, and had left the interest to accumulate, by 1st January 1987 your total outlay of £4,500 would have built up to £8,903. On the other hand, if you had chosen to save the same amount each month in one of our larger unit trusts, M&G SECOND GENERAL Trust Fund, you would have built up an investment worth £23,992, an extra £15,089.

You can start an M&G Unit Trust Savings Plan with as little as £25. You need not subscribe regularly but we strongly recommend that you do so, by completing the Bankers Order form. By saving a regular amount you make fluctuations in the stockmarket work to your advantage because more units are bought when their price is low than when it is high.

Unit Trusts are an excellent method of investing in the various stockmarkets of the world, and are ideal for regular investment over the longer term. They are not suitable for money you may need at short notice.

The price of units and the income from them may go down as well as up.

Your Savings Plan subscriptions go into Accumulation units of the Fund you choose and income is reinvested automatically after basic-rate tax. Further details of the Funds and the Rules of the Plan are available on request. All the Funds are wider-range investments and are authorised by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry.

The only charges are those you normally pay with unit trusts – 5% included in the initial price of units and up to 1% annually for management. **There are no extra charges for this Savings Plan.**

You can vary the amount you pay and you are free to cash in your accumulated investment, or part of it, at any time without penalty.

The securities in a unit trust are held in safe custody by the Trustee (one of the major banks). You can follow the progress of your plan by looking up the price of units and the current yield in the Financial Times or other leading newspapers. You buy units at the 'offer' price and sell at the 'bid' price.

WHAT YOU COULD HAVE ACCUMULATED FOR £25 A MONTH BY 1st JAN. 1987

	5 YEARS from 1 Jan 1982	10 YEARS from 1 Jan 1977	15 YEARS from 1 Jan 1972
	£	£	£
Amount paid in	1,500	3,000	4,500
M&G Recovery	3,151	10,891	35,587
M&G Dividend	3,077	10,485	26,313
M&G SECOND	2,755	9,997	23,992
F.T. Industrial Ordinary Index	2,684	8,224	17,525
Building Society Savings Account	1,828	4,690	8,903

Source: Planned Savings.
All performance figures include income reinvested net of basic-rate tax. The figures for the M&G Funds are 'bid' prices. You should remember that past performance is no guarantee for the future.

SAVINGS PLANS FOR CHILDREN

The minimum age for the Unit Trust Savings Plan is 14, but accounts for younger children can be opened in the name of an adult and designated with the child's full name.

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I WISH TO SUBSCRIBE £ .00 (min £25) **each month to the M&G Unit Trust Savings Plan and I enclose a cheque (made payable to M&G Securities Limited) for my first subscription of** £ .00 **(you may wish to start your plan with a lump sum).**

I wish my subscriptions to be invested in the Fund circled.

If no Fund is circled your plan will be linked to M&G SECOND

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Your Bank Sorting Code ☐☐-☐☐-☐☐ Personal Bank Account No ☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐ See your cheque book for details

Please pay to **National Westminster Bank P.L.C., 191 Moulsham Street, Chelmsford CM2 0LN, Account No. 55713270** for the credit of **M&G Securities Limited** (SAVINGS PLAN ACCOUNT) quoting

Account No (LEAVE BLANK) ☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐ the sum of £ .00 on the

day of 19 and continue to pay that amount on the day of each **month/quarter** until further order in writing from me and debit my account with you from time to time with such payments.

FROM (SURNAME) AND INITIALS

ADDRESS SIGNATURE

The units will be registered in the name of M&G Securities Limited and held for your account under the rules of the plan. If the Savings Plan account is being opened for the benefit of a child, please fill in here the full name of the child

I understand that further subscriptions can be made at any time (minimum £25) and that I can realise my holding on any business day without penalty at the bid price ruling

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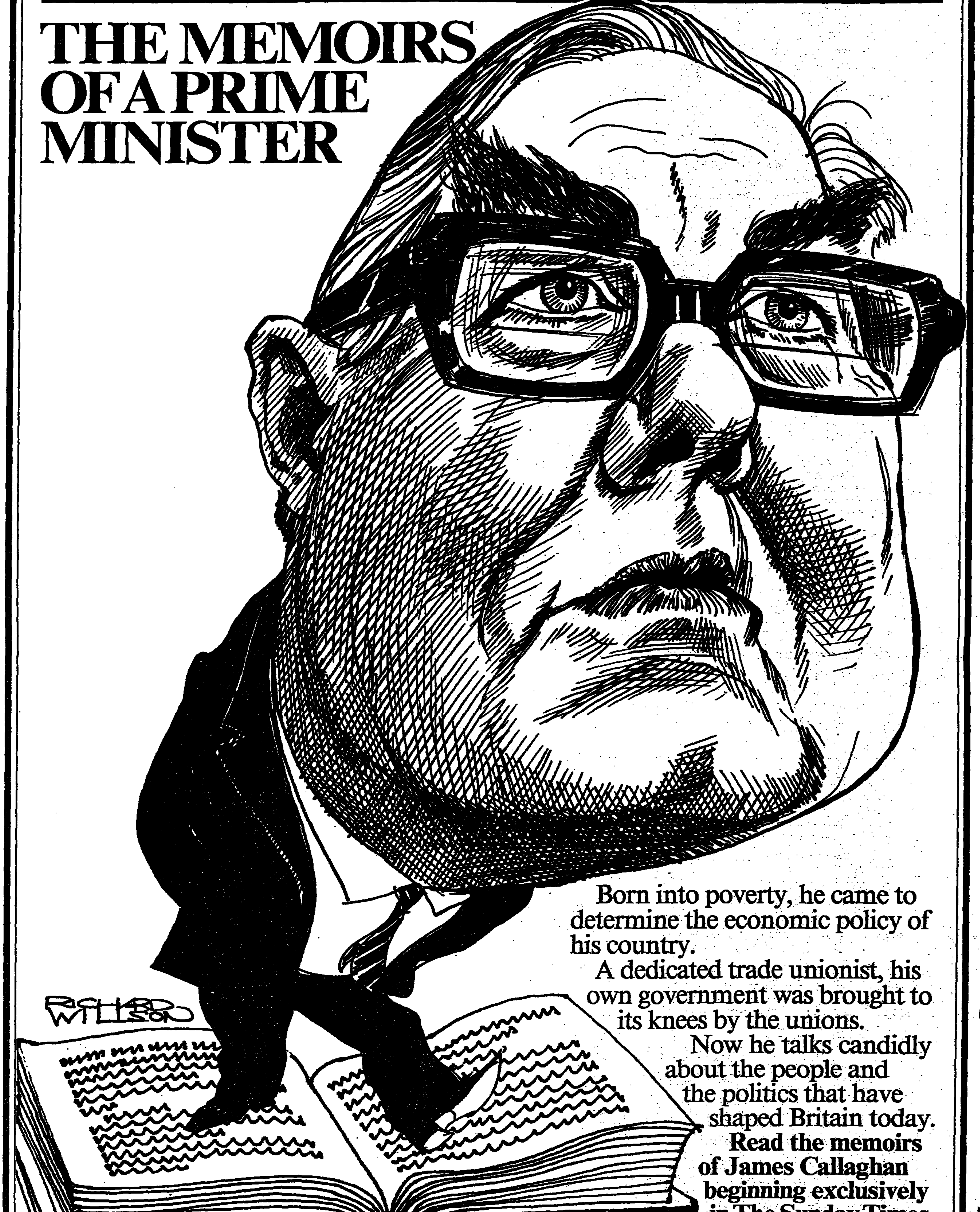

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FAMILY MONEY/5

The banker with room for the customer

In his series of key interviews with leaders of the financial services world, JOHN ROBERTS talks to Sir Christopher McMahon, chief executive of Midland Bank

The boss and his business: Sir Kit McMahon and the symbol of his banking philosophy, a local branch of the Midland

"If you go into a typical Midland Bank branch at the moment you will find 80 per cent of the space is occupied by the staff. The other 20 per cent is for the customer. We're going to reverse that ratio and give the customer 80 per cent so that he or she has room to do more business with us".

So says Sir Christopher (Kit) McMahon, chief executive of Midland Bank since September 1986 and about to become its chairman.

He adds: "Our biggest problem is our cost-income ratio. It's higher than our competitors' and it's too high. We've got to get the costs down and get the income up. We'll do that particularly by tackling our very heavy infrastructure. We have too many head office properties, for example, and we're going to rationalize them."

Sir Kit McMahon, former Deputy Governor of the Bank of England, was a surprising choice as the man to get Midland Bank out of the mire into which its ill-considered acquisition of Crocker Bank in California had sunk it.

Vital figure in the US hostages crisis

Crocker was eventually sold last year at a loss which had to be counted in hundreds of millions of dollars.

Sir Kit had no previous experience of high street banking and, considering his status, was not widely known beyond the City and international banking circles.

He did spring to wider fame briefly when, as Deputy Governor of the Bank of England he packed a suitcase at a few hours' notice and flew to Algiers in January 1981 to become the pivotal figure in resolving the dispute over the 52 American hostages being held by Iran.

The settlement involved handing over 1.6 million ounces of gold equivalent to the amount belonging to Iran but frozen in the Reserve Bank of New York's vaults. The Bank of England held an escrow account of $8 billion which was in dispute between Iran and the United States.

"For a banker there can never have been an experience like it," he commented. "You spend days negotiating in smoke-filled rooms and then suddenly a few hours later you are on the tarmac meeting for yourself the human results of all you've been doing."

But Sir Kit became the centre of less favourable attention when he orchestrated the Bank of England's controversial rescue of Johnson Matthey Bankers.

That decision — reached in the early hours only on news from the Far East of a threatened collapse of confidence in major UK banks — was subsequently vindicated by events. But it probably cost him the job of Governor of the Bank of England, for which he had been tutored and was one of the banking community's favourite candidates.

Both he and Sir Jeremy Morse — another might-have-been-Governor but now chairman of Lloyds Bank — had been recruited by an earlier Governor, Lord Cromer, keen to inject some intellectual muscle into the Old Lady of Threadneedle Street.

Sir Kit had already displayed the versatility with which he could flex intellectual muscle. After getting a first-class degree in English Literature at Melbourne he lectured there and retains to this day his native twang.

He came to Magdalen College, Oxford, and took a first in PPE before joining the Treasury, which sent him to its delegation in Washington where Lord Cromer, then economics minister at the embassy, spotted him.

Sir Kit admits that the transition to Midland has been more exciting than he expected. "The problems are more interesting and the people more stimulating," he says. He has set to work quickly and with enthusiasm.

He is keen to raise Midland's revenues from activities other than traditional asset-based lending — taking funds from depositors

£500m allocated for fixed-rate loans

and the money markets to lend at higher interest rates where margins are shrinking and Midland is constrained by its poor capital ratios compared with those of its rivals.

He is keen to earn more from selling services. "Mortgage lending is useful and does come from assets," says Sir Kit, "but otherwise we look for fee income, dealing profits, trading income and commissions."

Midland has recently allocated £500 million for fixed-rate mortgages.

Despite those plans for a high street facelift giving customers room to do more business with the bank, Midland will not diversify further in financial services, in which he claims the other banks are following Midland's lead.

Sir Kit says: "We are the only bank with a travel company (Thomas Cook) and all the other financial services. Our marketing department is already the leader in the field (Midland, smallest of the Big Four clearers, has about 27 per cent of all retail customers thanks to its innovation of free current accounts), and has provided us with more products, frankly, than the busy bank managers can sell."

Part of his prescription for Midland is far more cross-selling between divisions rather than every one narrowly pursuing its own ends.

Within weeks of his arrival, new men were appointed to head every one of the four divisions — retail, corporate, investment and international — and Midland has become more open-minded about outside recruitment of professionals rather than depending solely on the best available man from within, which had previously degenerated into "Buggins' turn".

In imposing these changes Sir Kit has succeeded in being drastic and even radical, without being abrasive.

He is also a pragmatist. As Deputy Governor of the Bank of England he criticized tax relief on mortgage interest as distorting the economy. Combined with inflation, he said, it had made borrowing for house purchase "a cheap, almost risk-free method of financing an appreciating asset with depreciating debt".

He contrasted that with industry's difficulties in raising long-term finance. Last year Midland's mortgage lending rose 96 per cent.

Likewise, he has warned in the past of the dangers in securitizing debts: converting bank loans into securities which are then sold to investors. Now at Midland the pursuit of fee income rather than lending margins will involve the bank in securitizing.

He has often been outspoken without being opinionated, and has sometimes bordered on the prescient.

For instance, before the event he warned in a speech: "If things go seriously wrong in the City in the fiercely competitive environment which will follow Big Bang, we should none of us be surprised by either the violence of regulatory reaction or the superficiality of the justification which may be adduced in favour of what is done."

More practically, when he found someone persistently taking his reserved parking space outside his London home, Sir Kit stole out at dead of night and liberally covered the offending car's door handles with marmalade.

Sir Kit was a surprising choice to head Midland. The results may be no less surprising.

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How the insurers put a price on a wife

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10	Cleaner	3.00	Cleaner	3.00	Cleaner	3.00	Shopper	2.40	Shopper	2.40	Shopper	2.40	Rest	—
11	Laundress	2.40	Laundress	2.40	Cleaner	3.00	Caretaker	3.50	Window-cleaner	3.00	Childminder	3.50	Rest	—
12	Laundress	2.40	Laundress	2.40	Cook	3.50	Gardener	3.50	Caretaker	3.50	Cook	3.50	Cook	3.50
1	Cost clerk	3.50	Laundress	2.40	Rest	—	Cleaner	3.00	Rest	—	Seamstress	3.50	Cook/ waitress/ dishwasher	5.95
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8/9	Seamstress	3.50	Hairdresser	3.00	Nurse	4.60	Childminder	3.50	Childminder	3.50	Nurse	4.60	Rest	—
Totals		**56.80**		**55.20**		**57.20**		**57.90**		**54.40**		**56.90**		**31.85**

Grand total 370.25

Putting a price on wives is not a particularly edifying exercise, yet it is one at which we English have always excelled, equalling at least the Americans in monetarist alacrity.

Having decided wives can be quantified like the gentle beasts in a cattle market, we in our pragmatic way appraise and compute as coolly as stockbreeders.

If the figures differ between assessments, there is striking agreement among the conclusions drawn by the insurers, market analysts, and socio-economic researchers involved. The worth of She-who-must-be-obeyed is consistently under-rated in pure cost terms.

The latest in a line of calculations making wives the *uxorial* equivalent of *Treasure Island* — almost priceless, but not quite — comes from Legal & General, with a bill of reckoning released neatly if not fortuitously to coincide with Mothering Sunday *tomorrow*.

According to L&G, the "commercial value" of a British housewife now works out at £370 a week, or £19,240 a year. This represents the total cost of hiring replacement *help* at *employment* agency rates to cover the roles of a housewife during her 90-hour, seven-day working week.

The figures assume a *ménage* of husband and two children, in which a wife's main single management task is child-minding, followed by cooking and every aspect of housekeeping — caretaking, cleaning, dishwashing, laundering, shopping, cost-clerking and table-waiting. Then there are those *ad hoc* functions similarly taken for granted by mere males — nurse, seamstress, gardener, window-cleaner, hairdresser, family psychiatrist, unofficial teacher and instant chauffeur ("Hello, darling, I'm at the station").

About the only role left unaccounted is the one embracing "the noblest frailty". And where Dryden put love on a baroque plinth, L&G wisely steers round it altogether. What price conjugality? The City is uncomfortably close enough to Streatham for mention of "sex services" to be misconstrued.

Besides, the insurance giant's purpose is not to cause pain to housewives — and, sexism notwithstanding, feminist housepersons eagerly seize on figures such as those above as propaganda weapons in their continuing campaign for a state wage.

Although there is an obvious overlap, the latter comprises a separate issue. L&G's aim is to reinforce consumer awareness of the vast and many-faceted input a housewife makes and, by implication, how dramatically a lifestyle can change in the event of her contribution being lost.

Mum's many tasks are all around her as she sips a cuppa

"A housewife's work is specialist and if anything happened to her and the husband had to pay someone to do that work, he could find it pretty tough financially," says Colin Harris, L&G's life director.

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When L&G first put a price *on housewives' heads* about six years ago, the figure was set at £207 a week — £163 less than the newest tally, which quite properly reflects value rising faster than the rate of inflation.

The notional £19,240 a year makes interesting reading when compared with the £10,000 annual sum which "a typical mother" would have to be paid for the time spent looking after two children, said a Family Policy Studies Centre report last September. These calcualtions incorporated *loss of earnings* as well as direct costs of caring, such as food and clothes.

Similarly instructive are the £11,440 for child care estimated as reasonable by one women's group, and the Chicago divorce lawyer's reckoning that an American woman in the home is worth around £32,400 annually.

Just how reformative these special pleas may prove is unpredictable. For an indication, however, one can safely look back rather than forward.

The trend has been upward from the day a wife was *sold* in London during July 1833 for 5s — 25p in straight terms, but probably equal then to half a year's wages for a working man — amid "the hissings and hootings of the populace, who showered stones and other missiles on the parties", reported a correspondent of *The Times*.

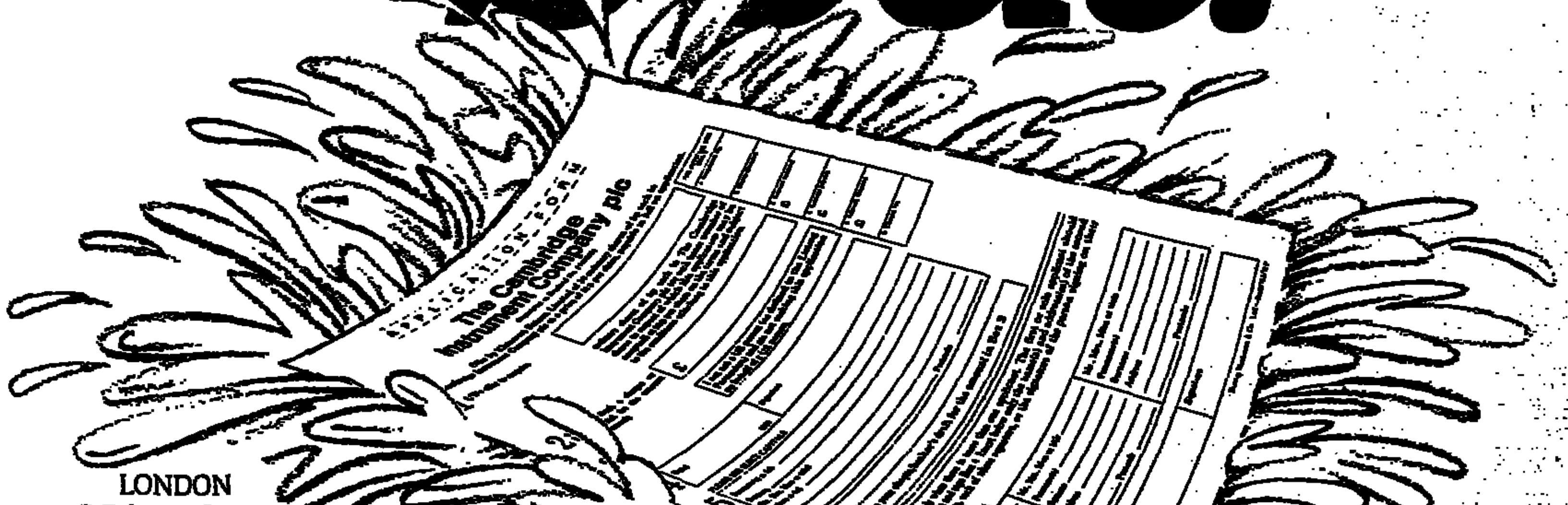
'A daily devil and a night invasion'

Two years later, when wife-selling in jest or earnest was no more legal than today, you could not purchase "a daily devil and a night invasion" — to quote one disenchanted spouse — for less than £15.

The worth of wives has rightly continued to rise ever since. It would be a curmudgeonly male who challenged further *enhancement* in the value structure on the grounds that married women benefit from reasonable tax concessions — a wife's earned income allowance rises to £2,425 under the latest Budget proposals — and that fewer of them now do hard labour as full-time housewives. Besides, *more than half the men* in Britain help with washing up the dishes.

An astute wife could sweetly point out for starters that the survey that threw up the latter statistic also revealed that barely one-fifth of men wash clothes at home . . .

Nicholas Cole



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RUGBY UNION: CUP SEMI-FINAL DAY FOR LEADING ENGLISH AND WELSH CLUBS WHILE HONG KONG PREPARES FOR THE MAGNIFICENT SEVENS

Embittered Bath will want to grasp every available opportunity

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

By one of life's little ironies, in the week that an England team was announced showing a change at stand-off half, the country's four leading stand-offs — all of whose names must have been on the lips of the national selectors on Monday evening — meet in the semi-finals of the John Player Special Cup today.

Peter Williams, who will win his first cap against Scotland next Saturday at the age of 28, plays for Orrell against Bath, whose Stuart Barnes has contributed to his own international demise by withdrawing from the England squad. Rob Andrew, deposed after scoring 89 points for England in 12 games, leads the Wasps attack against Leicester who have Les Cusworth at the helm.

The exercise of the various facets of half back play, however, depend upon so many other factors: service from scrum half and forwards primarily, but this weekend the weather may take a hand. The forecast is not good and if the rain falls and the wind blows (as it did yesterday) then all predictions can go out of the window and the teams that reach the final at Twickenham on May 2 will be those who snatch opportunity when it occurs.

There is an additional factor to take into account: Bath, Cup holders for the last three years, are the whipping boys for English rugby at the moment. Their physical approach has been reflected at international level in the wrong way and three of their players, Hill, Dawe and Chilcott, were among the four suspended by the Rugby Football Union after the match against Wales. Criticism of the club ignores the fact that they can play in much the same style as much-lauded Scotland and that their backs are a match for any club in Britain. Their resolve can only have been stiffened in the face of their detractors.

How it will manifest itself at Orrell's Edge Hall Road ground remains to be seen because Orrell themselves have reason to summon up their greatest effort of the season. Last year they met Bath in the third round and drew 16-16, finishing the better of the teams on the day but going out as the home side. Ten of the team re-appear today but the absent quintet includes Langford, their captain and dependable full back.

Bath are even more consistent in team selection. Of the team that played Orrell 14 months ago, 13 survive, the changes being on the wing where Swift has replaced Trick and Robinson's inclusion at flanker instead of Spurrell.

At Orrell

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LEICESTER: W Hare; B Evans, P Dodge, T Buttimore, C Dexter; L Cusworth (capt), S Kenney; S Redfern, C Tressler, Richardson, J Wells, N Jackson, M Foulkes-Arnold, R Tebbutt, D Richards.
Referee: R Quittenton (London).

A heavy pitch will reduce the renowned mobility of the Bath pack and it seems likely the game will turn upon set-piece superiority. At one stage this season I would have said that a tie at Orrell represented the best chance anyone had of stopping Bath; now I suspect they will establish a record nineteenth successive Cup win.

Wasps are still attempting to exorcize the ghost of 1979, when they reached the Cup semi-finals only to be stopped in their tracks — on their own ground — by a Leicester team playing magical rugby who won 43-7. The London club, who have come a long way since then, have only one survivor of that day in Rendall, their prop.

Now, Wasps may reasonably suggest, they are the team of the present and future while Leicester are struggling to sustain the triumphs of the past. Yet Leicester made a couple of points about basic skills against Bristol in the last round, mostly at the behest of Cusworth, Dodge and the most under-rated back row in the country.

I expected Leicester to suffer among the tight forwards against Bristol but they did not; now they have brought back Richardson at tight-head prop for French against the most destructive club front row in England which is where, on a muddy day, they may struggle. But Leicester have a habit of defying prediction in the set pieces. If Cusworth has some half-decent possession he may yet control the game.

WEEKEND TEAMS

Nottingham v 'Quins

Nottingham are weakened by the absence of seven players injured, unavailable or rested, for this John Smith's merit table A game. Mosses makes his debut at prop and Bowyer plays lock. Harlequins have O'Brien back in the second row after a hand injury.

L Scottish v Moseley

The Scottish must win if they are to avoid relegation to table B. Millard is at scrum half, Graham and Jeremy Campbell-Lamerton return to the pack; Moseley have Robson at scrum half and play Goodwin at centre because Desborough is injured.

Waterloo v N'mpton

Unchanged Waterloo are seeking a 100 per cent record in table B, which they have led since early in the season. Northampton, third in the table, play Salsbury at prop for Pearce, Mason at lock and Grecian appears at stand-off half.

B'heath v Bedford

Blackheath could move up four places by winning this table B game. Slater and Cockell return to the backs, Sellars and Stucks to the front row. Bedford, beaten by Coventry in midweek, retain Key at stand-off half in the continued absence of the injured Finnie.

V of Lune v Sheffield

Victory would ensure that Vale win merit table C, while Sheffield are threatened with demotion. Hodgson, Vale's divisional flanker, is on holiday and Starkie replaces him but Dent returns at lock and Higgin seeks to add to his season's total of 22 dropped goals.

Rosslyn P v Bristol

Bristol, with Peter Smith at prop instead of the unavailable Hickey, need only six points to pass 1,000 for the season. Gary Henderson, recovered from an ankle operation, plays his first game at scrum-half for Park since November and Osbourne comes in on the wing for Offiah.

Saracens v Gloucester

Lee Adamson's return at No. 8 allows Keay to play flanker for Saracens while Gloucester keep McLean in the centre and look to Teague for continued good form at No. 8.

Coventry v Maesteg

Coventry, with 18 wins and 16 defeats from the season, have almost a complete team of backs unavailable because of injury. However Saunders and Hall return to the wings and Rowland replaces the injured Travers in the back row.

Ballymena recall Graham

By George Ace

Ballymena have recalled 37-year-old Joe Graham, the tighthead prop, for their AIB senior Cup semi-final against the holders, Bangor, at Ravenhill this afternoon (4.00). Graham replaces the injured Bruce McKenzie, otherwise the team will be on similar lines, excluding the two guest players McCall and McKibbin, who performed with considerable credit in midweek against the New Zealand Barbarians.

Bangor have not been impressive of late and their extra-time quarter-final win over CIYMS does not augur well for their chances of retaining the trophy. The solid Ballymena scrummage, Rab Brady at scrum half, and Ringland on the wing are three factors that suggest Ballymena will be appearing in the April 11 final.

It looks very much on the cards that their final opponents will be Ards. They contest the first semi-final (at 2.30) of Ravenhill's double against section two opposition, Dungannon.

Life in the sevens heaven

Simon Barnes

Hong Kong

There is a gentleman called Mr Hudson who sends me a letter every time I write about rugby. These letters are full of mighty reproof. The last time I mentioned rugby he took the trouble to send me a letter to impart the amazing fact that he agreed with me. It was a very great shock to us both. But Mr Hudson, I do hope you are sitting down as you read this. For I am being overtaken by a new wave of rugby heresy.

I think that perhaps Sevens is a better game than 15-man rugby. And the Cathay Pacific Hong Kong Bank invitation sevens competition has always been the most magnificent of tournaments. But I am beginning to suspect that the 15-man game does not always work in an age in which sport is taken with such tremendous seriousness and in which victory is of such overwhelming importance. The desperation to win is bad enough, but the don't-lose-at-all-costs attitude that infiltrates so many sports is worse. Such an attitude makes many games bad, but it can make rugby quite unendurable.

The punch-ups are one thing. The last Wales-England game is something we can all do without. The game seems to have lost its inhibiting factor: that the knowledge that rugby is a game, and not a literal life-and-death struggle. This inhibition is vital in this game of structured mayhem. Spiritually, the top rugby men are as professional and as dedicated as any other kind of sportsmen. They seek victory above all else. Rugby cannot afford such an attitude.

Then there is the methodology of rugby, the disciplines and the coaching, the sterility and the negativity and the set plays and the eternal kicking. Over-organized, all-kicking rugby is a product of the modern attitude to sport: a methodical search not for glory but for mere victory. But sevens grant an exemption to all that. Sevens is all about running and handling. The rhinoceros confrontations have been removed from the game, and all the best bits have been kept in. The game's poets can strike back.

The Hong Kong sevens annually offers all the delight of fluid, inspirational rugby. And this is given great spice by the exotic internationalism of the event. There will be 24 teams in the hunt as play begins today; this includes the cream of the rugby world. Australia and New Zealand are seeded to meet in the final. David Campese, the Australian captain, said: "New Zealand are not invincible. I think we will do well if we can keep the ball alive and spread it wide."

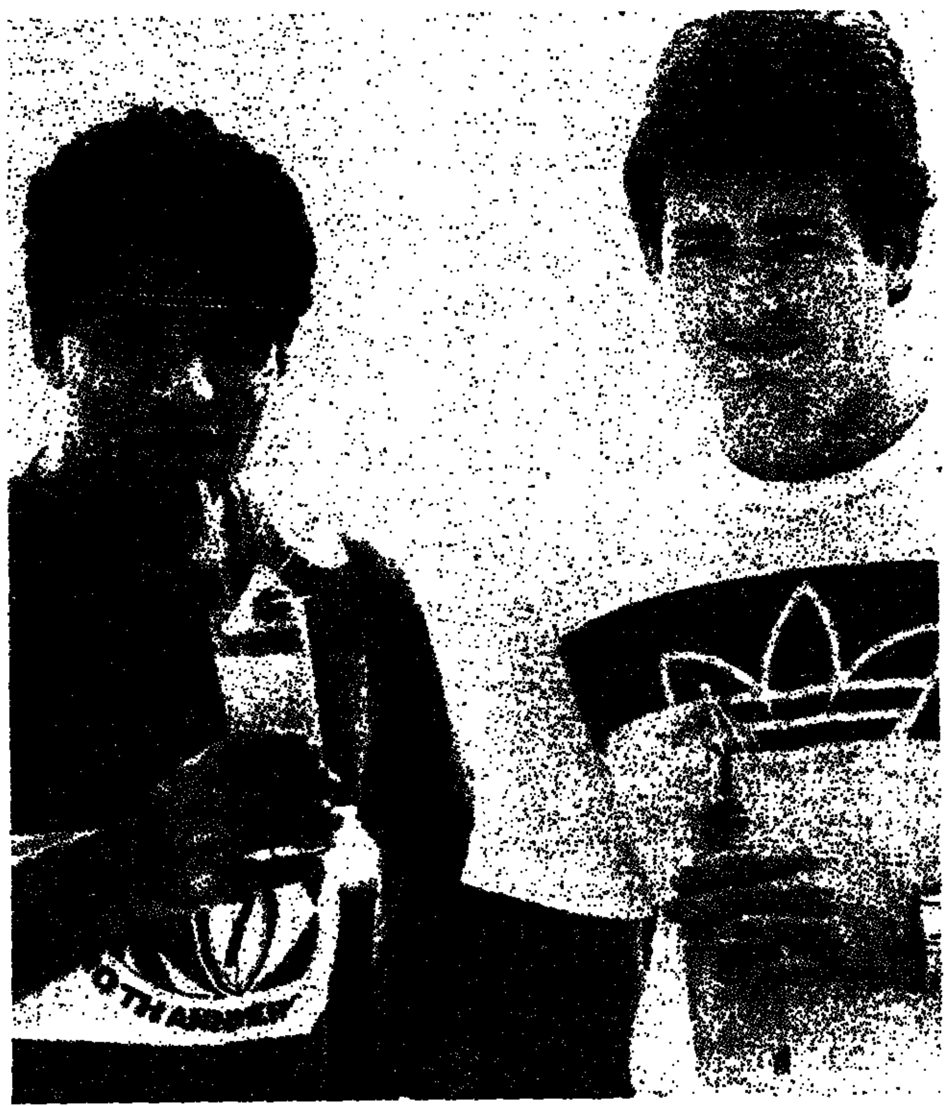
The New Zealanders are likely to keep it as dour and as physical as they can, but all the wild flair that sevens does best will come from the French Barbarians (not a tautology, I am constantly assured) and the sumptuous Fijians. Fiji have brought over a young side, which might or might not catch light. Being an unbiased Press man, I shall be shouting like mad for Fiji. But the French Barbarians have done well in this competition, beating the much-fancied Australians last year, before losing to New Zealand in the final.

But the tournament is not just about the mighty. After a group phase, three competitions will run simultaneously; for a cup a plate and a bowl. Papua New Guinea won the bowl last year, and once again they have the inestimable advantage of being coached by Glen Ella, the former Australian international. As you read about their exploits last year, you begin to see some of the point to the event: they beat Sri Lanka in their final, and on the way overcame the Solomon Islands and Thailand.

Canada and the American Eagles are also putting out sides. Japan and Korea, the Asian champions at the 15-man game, are also playing. And so, believe it or not, are Kwang-Hua Taipei, from Taiwan, the only all-Chinese side in the tournament.

The Taiwanese RFU was founded in 1946, the team finished third in the Asian championships, and damn nearly beat Japan on the way.

Spain, Argentina and the Netherlands are also playing, the Argentinians coming back after five years of absence. In short, all is ready for a great treat. This is no parochial affair: At the Hong Kong sevens, rugby suddenly looks like a great international game. Mr Hudson would love it, as anyone who loves rugby or great sport of any kind must.



Ella (left) and Campese, former Australian team members, opposed in the sevens

Cornwall face the might of six All Blacks

Six All Blacks will take the field at Redruth against Cornwall today, the fourth match of the New Zealand Barbarians tour and the last before they meet the British Barbarians in Cardiff on Wednesday (David Hands writes). So far no team has managed more than one score against them: Leicester and Wanderers each kicked a penalty and Ballymena — courtesy of Brian McCall, guesting from London Irish — scored a try. If Cornwall better that, they will be doing well, while the New Zealanders require four points to pass 100 for the tour.

NEW ZEALAND BARBARIANS (v Cornwall): G Cooper; C Green, J Stanley, B McCahill, D Halligan; S Bachop, B Deans; B McGrattan, J Buchan, W Bunn, A Whetton, G Whetton, M Weedon, D Williams, M Jones.

Day of destiny for the sides in fear

By Ian McLauchlan

For no fewer than seven sides in the McEwan's National League today's games are of vital importance. Unfortunately only two, Hawick and Kelso, are competing for the cup, while five others — Jed-Forest, Edinburgh Academicals, Glasgow Academicals, Gala, and Ayr — are all fighting to retain their premier league status.

Hawick and Kelso both have 22 league points and with home games against Watsonians and Heriot's respectively, it is unlikely that either will lose today.

Points difference will therefore decide the outcome and since Hawick have a 46-point advantage, they are favourites to secure their tenth championship win.

At the other end of the table, bottom placed Jed-Forest are without their international scrum half, Roy Laidlaw, who has rib cartilage problems. Their hosts, Melrose, are without Redburn and Moffat but have won their last four league games and will make things difficult for the Riverside Park club.

Edinburgh Academicals, the other most likely relegation candidates, are at home to Boroughmuir. Neither side is playing well but since the visitors have little at stake, Academicals might just sneak a result.

John Beattie is out of the Glasgow Academicals' side to travel to Selkirk. The international No. 8 has a leg injury. His absence, and the fact that Selkirk are at full strenth, will make it a difficult journey for the Glasgow side. Gala have lost the services of their winger, Moore, for their visit to Stewart's Melville. The border side list 16 players from which the final selection will be made. Only a win will ensure their survival in the first division. David Brewster drops out of the home side's front row with a neck injury.

Ayr have two league fixtures remaining and must win one to stay up. Today they travel to Burnbrae to meet a much disrupted West of Scotland side. Steele comes into the back row, while Barrett is at full back and Drummond at stand-off. The visitors, who have lost Alan Brown, play the Manning brothers at centre.

In division two, the losers of the match between Howe of Fife and Haddington will accompany Langholm into division three. A draw, however, will mean relegation for Corstorphine, who have already completed their league programme.

Neath are showing signs of exhaustion

By Gerald Davies

Neither of the matches in today's semi-final round of the Welsh Cup, sponsored by Schweppes, presents good prospects for the punter who wishes to lay down his money for a quick return.

This is not because the comparative strengths of the participating teams are difficult to analyse but rather because of the unpredictable form of three of them. The fourth, Neath, although having had a consistently good season, are now showing some wear and tear as shown in the absence through injury of four of their key players and the loss they suffered recently, after 21 unbeaten games at home, to Maesteg.

They are up against Cardiff who are hoping to make this their sixth appearance in the last seven finals. They will play at St Helen's, Swansea. Cardiff are experiencing a middling sort of season having, unusually for them, gone into double figures of losses. Also, in the last two rounds of the Cup they have managed to survive only by a whisker at home to a local junior club, Llanharan, and, in a vociferously controversial fashion, to Newport. Their only change from the latter game is to bring in Alun Donovan at centre, instead of Richard Cardus, to partner Mark Ring.

CARDIFF: M Rayer, G Cordle, A J Donovan, M Ring, A Hadley, G John, C Hutchings, J Whitefoot, A J Phillips (capt), S Blackmore, R Lakin, H Stone, R Norster, G Roberts, J P Scott.
NEATH: S Powell, E Rees, C Laity, R Griffiths, G Davies, J Davies (capt), C Gnojek, D Joseph, M Richards, J Pugh, P Pugh, H Richards, R Cheval, L Jones, M Jones.
SWANSEA: M Wyatt, M Titley, K Hopkins, M Dacey, A Emyr, A Clement, R Jones (capt), K Colclough, P Hutchings, C Jones, P Moriarty, M Colclough, J Williams, M Davies, J Thomas.
NEWBRIDGE: W Bow, S Hill, S Crandon, D Hussey, C Phillips, P Williams, L Davies, J Ransom, K Gregory, M Sidthorpe, N James, R Smith, A Sutton, S Griffiths (capt), H Taylor.

Neath, already without three of their international players — Stuart Evans and Kevin Phillips in the front row, and Paul Thorburn at full back — lost the services this week of Barry Clegg, the former Welsh lock. Robert Cheval, a New Zealander, will be in his position. If Jonathan Davies remains the individualist and guiding light it is their energetic overall style which invariably wins them their matches.

At Cardiff Arms Park, Swansea play the dark horses of the competition, Newbridge. It was the corresponding match between the two clubs earlier in the season when Swansea were comprehensively beaten, that signalled the change in the Gwent side's fortunes. The return of their veteran scrum half, Lloyd Davies, adding maturity to a young side, played a significant role, too. He, along with Chris Phillips on the wing, are the only two players to have had experience of this stage of the competition. It will not be a happy one, though. They lost to Swansea in 1983.

Whereas Newbridge have no internationals Swansea can boast eight, but that class is only intermittently evident. The South Wales Police gave them a hard time of it in the last round. But the return of Keith Colclough, at prop, after a four-week suspension may give them a better platform in the scrum this time. Their selectors have gone, too, for the experience of their former captain, Mark Davies.

WEEKEND FIXTURES GUIDE

3.0 unless stated

Today League

First division

Arsenal v Everton
A Villa v Coventry
Leicester v Manchester C
Liverpool v Wimbledon
Luton v Tottenham
Manchester Utd v Nottingham F
Newcastle v Southampton
Oxford v Sheffield Wed
QPR v Norwich
West Ham v Watford

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Midland division: Banbury v Forest Green; Bridgnorth v Bilston; Gloucester v Leicester United; Grantham v Hednesford; Leamington v Buckingham; Merthyr Tydfil v Rushden; Mile Oak v Halesowen; Stourbridge v Moor Green; Wellingborough v VS Rugby. Southern division: Ashford v Andover; Burnham and Hillingdon v Poole; Canterbury v Dorchester; Chatham v Dover; Gravesend and Northfleet v Dunstable; Hastings v Sheppey; Ruislip v Waterlooville; Trowbridge v Tonbridge; Woodford v Erith and Belvedere.
ESFA UNDER 18 CENTENARY SHIELD: Wales v England (at Hereford United FC).
IRISH LEAGUE TNT GOLD CUP: Coleraine v Cliftonville; Distillery v Bangor; Glenavon v Newry; Glentoran v Portadown; Larne v Carrick.
CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Manchester City v Manchester United (2.0).
FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Chelsea v Swindon (3.15); Reading v Arsenal (2.0); Tottenham v Fulham (2.0); Watford v Luton.
GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Bath v Altrincham; Cheltenham v Maidstone; Dagenham v Kidderminster; Enfield v Telford; Kettering v Stafford; Nuneaton v Northwich; Runcorn v Barnet; Sutton United v Frickley; Wealdstone v Gateshead; Welling v Scarborough; Weymouth v Boston.
MULTIPART LEAGUE: Barrow v Chorley; Caernarfon v Matlock; Gainsborough v Mossley; Hyde v Worksop; Oswestry v Horwich; Rhyl v Burton; South Liverpool v Southport; Workington v Marine.
VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Premier division: Barking v Hitchin; Carshalton v Wycombe; Dulwich v Yeovil; Farnborough v Tooting and Mitcham; Hayes v Bognor; Kingstonian v Hendon; St Albans v Bromley; Slough v Harrow; Walthamstow v Bishop's Stortford; Windsor and Eton v Croydon; Worthing v Wokingham. First division: Boreham Wood v Tilbury; Bracknell v Walton and Hersham; Epsom and Ewell v Hampton; Grays v Leatherhead (3.30); Lewes v Maidenhead United; Leyton Wingate v Basildon; Oxford City v Staines; Southwick v Kingsbury; Stevenage v Finchley; Wembley v Billericay. Second division north: Aveley v Letchworth GC; Berkhamsted v Heybridge; Haringey v Wivenhoe; Hertford v Barton (3.30); Rainham v Harlow; Royston v Tring; Saffron Walden v Clapton; Vauxhall Motors v Hemel Hempstead; Ware v Wolverton. Second division south: Banstead v Flackwell Heath; Chalfont St Peter v Newbury; Dorking v Molesey; Eastbourne United v Ruislip Manor; Egham v Harefield; Horsham v Camberley; Marlow v Metropolitan Police; Petersfield v Hungerford v Feltham; Chertsey. Southall v Whyteleafe.
FA VASE: Semi-finals, second leg: Emley v St Helens; Collier Row v Warrington.
FA COUNTY YOUTH CUP: Semi-final: North Riding v Surrey (at Scarborough FC).
ESSEX SENIOR TROPHY: Final: Braintree v Hornchurch (at Chelmsford City).
GLOUCESTERSHIRE SENIOR TROPHY: [illegible] v Bristol Manor

Second division

Barnsley v Birmingham
Derby v Huddersfield
Grimsby v Shrewsbury
Ipswich v Hull
Leeds v Plymouth
Millwall v C Palace
Oldham v WBA
Portsmouth v Sunderland
Sheffield Utd v Bradford
Stoke v Brighton

ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Old Chigwellians v Old Carthusians; Old Cholmeleians v Old Etonians; Lancing Old Boys v Old Brentwoods; Old Reptonians v Old Malvernians. First division: Old Aldenhamians v Old Citizens; Old Wykehamists v Old Foresters.
COMBINED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Concours Trophy: Semi-finals: Chipstead v Farnham; Cobham v Farleigh. Premier division: Chobham v Ash; Cove v Merstham; Hartley Witney v Godalming; Horley v Malden Town; Malden Vale v Virginia Water; Westfield v Frimley Green.
BUILDING SCENE EASTERN LEAGUE: Clacton v Haverhill; Colchester United v Ely; Felixstowe v Harwich and Parkeston (2.0); Great Yarmouth v Bury; March v Gorleston; Stowmarket v Wisbech; Sudbury v Chatteris; Tiptree v Watton.
ESSEX LEAGUE: League Cup: Semi-final, first leg: East Thurrock v Purfleet; Maldon v Burnham. League: Bowers v East Ham; Brentwood v Halstead; Eton Manor v Ford; Sawbridgeworth v Brightlingsea; Stansted v Canvey Island; Witham v Chelmsford.
GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Barnstaple v Bristol City; Clandown v Clevedon; Dawlish v Minehead; Frome v Taunton; Mangotsfield v Chard; Melksham v Liskeard; Paulton v Torrington; Plymouth Argyle v Exmouth; Weston-super-Mare v Chippenham.
HALLS BREWERY HELLENIC LEAGUE: Premier division: Abingdon United v Yate; Bicester v Rayners Lane; Penhill v Moreton; Sharpness v Fairford; Supermarine v Hounslow; Viking v Morris Motors; Wallingford v Abingdon Town; Wantage v Thame.
LONDON SPARTAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Beaconsfield v Waltham Abbey; Beckton v Yeading; Brimsdown v Hanwell; Corinthian Casuals v Barkingside; Danson v Edgware; Pennant v Crown and Manor; Southgate v Redhill; Ulysses v Northwood.
NORTHERN COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Semi-final replay: Durham v Lancashire (at Bishop Auckland).
DRYBROUGHS NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Bedlington v Ryhope; Brandon v Crook; Consett v Whitby; Easington v Newcastle Blue Star; Ferryhill v Hartlepool; Gretna v Peterlee; South Bank v North Shields (3.15); Whitley Bay v Spennymoor.
NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Armthorpe v Pontefract; Belper v Sutton Town; Bentley VW v Bridlington Trinity; Bridlington Town v Alfreton; Brigg v Guiseley; Eastwood v Denaby; Harrogate v Boston. League Cup: Fifth round replay: North Ferriby v Maltby.
BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Bootle v Eastwood Hanley; Congleton v Burscough; Leek v Accrington Stanley; Leyland Motors v Fleetwood (3.15); Penrith v Curzon Ashton; Rossendale v Irlam; Winsford v Clitheroe.
SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE (11.0): First division: Charlton v Cambridge United; Millwall v Arsenal; Norwich v Portsmouth; Queens Park Rangers v Chelsea; Southend v Fulham; West Ham v Gillingham. Second division: Brentford v Southampton; Bristol Rovers v Crystal Palace; Reading v Wimbledon; Southend United v Luton; Swindon v Bournemouth;

Third division

Bournemouth v Darlington
Bristol C v Chester
Bury v Gillingham
Carlisle v Doncaster
Chesterfield v Bristol R
Fulham v P Vale
Mansfield v York
Middlesbrough v Rotherham
Newport v Brentford
Notts Co v Bolton
Walsall v Blackpool
Wigan v Swindon

SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First division: Arundel v Peacehaven and Telscombe; Hailsham v Burgess Hill (2.0); Haywards Heath v Shoreham (2.0); Lancing v Three Bridges; Littlehampton v Wick (2.0); Midhurst and Easebourne v Eastbourne Town (2.0); Portfield v Horsham YMCA; Whitehawk v Chichester.
NENE GROUP UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Baldock v Holbeach; Bourne v Desborough; Brackley v Kempston; Irthlingborough v Potton; Long Buckby v Stotfold; Raunds v Rothwell; St Neots v Spalding; Stamford v Arlesey; S and L Corby v Eynesbury; Wootton v Northampton Spencer.
WESSEX LEAGUE: Bashley v Newport; Bournemouth v Romsey; Eastleigh v Totton; Havant v Portals; Portsmouth RN v Lymington; Road Sea v Horndean; Steyning v Thatcham; Wellworthy v Brockenhurst. Russell Coates Cup: Ringwood v Sholing.

RUGBY LEAGUE

SILK CUT CUP: Semi-final: Widnes v Halifax (at Headingley, 2.15).

BASKETBALL

FOUNDERS CUP: Final, second leg: Tolworth v Doncaster.

HANDBALL

CHALLENGE MATCH: Wakefield v Leicester '73 (5.0).

VOLLEYBALL

ROYAL BANK NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division women: Bradford Mythbreakers v Arsenal (6.30).

Fourth division

Aldershot v Northampton
Crewe v Cardiff
Exeter v Rochdale
Peterborough v Hereford
Preston v Burnley
Torquay v Tranmere (7.30)
Wolverhampton v Scunthorpe
Wrexham v Colchester

Southern League Premier division

Alvechurch v Gosport
Basingstoke v Chelmsford
Bedworth v Dudley
Cambridge C v Bromsgrove
Corby v Witney
Crawley v Dartford
Fareham v Fisher
Folkestone v Salisbury
King's Lynn v Redditch
Willenhall v Aylesbury
Worcester v Shepshed

ICE HOCKEY

HEINEKEN LEAGUE: Premier division: Ayr Bruins v Murrayfield Racers (7.0); Cleveland Bombers v Fife Flyers (6.30). First division: Oxford City Stars v Medway Bears (5.0); Slough Jets v Glasgow Eagles (5.45); Sunderland Chiefs v Swindon Wildcats (6.30); Telford Tigers v Blackpool Seagulls (7.0).

LACROSSE

BRINE NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Heaton Mersey v Stockport; Sale v Old Stopfordians; Urmston v Cheadle.
BRINE SOUTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Hillcroft v Chipstead.

TENNIS

MORTGAGE CORPORATION NATIONAL LEAGUE: Group A: Heston v Birmingham (5.0); Manchester v Middlesbrough (4.0). Group B: Bournemouth v Croydon (4.0); Telford v Woking (5.30).
TOURNAMENT: Royal Bank Junior indoor winter series (at Surrey T and CC, Croydon).

Scottish premier division

Aberdeen v St Mirren
Clydebank v Hearts
Dundee Utd v Dundee
Hamilton v Celtic
Hibernian v Falkirk
Rangers v Motherwell

HOCKEY

HOCKEY ASSOCIATION CUP: Quarter-finals: Southgate v Neston; Olton and West Warwickshire v Slough; Teddington v India Gymkhana; Leicester Westleigh v Hounslow.
PIZZA EXPRESS LONDON LEAGUE: Premier division: Bromley v Guildford. League: Beckenham v Richmond; Dulwich v Spencer; Hampstead v Mid-Surrey; Purley v St Albans; Weybridge Hawks v Tulse Hill; Wimbledon v Reading.
NORWICH UNION EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Broxbourne v Brentwood; Chelmsford v Bishop's Stortford; Westcliff v Old Loughtonians.
McEWAN'S LAGER SOUTH LEAGUE: Premier division: Anchorians v Oxford Hawks; Bognor v Lyons; Chichester v Gore Court; Fareham v Trojans; Old Tauntonians v Havant. Hampshire/Surrey: Epsom v Fleet; Hamble Old Boys v Merton; Winchester v Walton. Kent/Sussex: Herne Bay v Old Bordenians; South Saxons v Marden Russets. Middlesex/Berks, Bucks and Oxon: Polytechnic v Old Merchant Taylors; Aylesbury v NPL.
CLUB MATCHES: Amington v Stratford; Beeston v Lincoln; Belper v Chesterfield; Cannock v Old Silhillians; Derwent v Notts Gregory; Droitwich v Hereford; Egerton Park v Mansfield; Evesham v Harborne; Hampton v Edgbaston; Leek v Barton; Lichfield v Bridgnorth; Loughborough v Bourne; Northampton Saints v Wolverhampton; North Stafford v Oxton; Old Halesonians v Birmingham Municipal; Pickwick v Coventry and North Warwickshire; Redditch v Finchfield; Rugby v Wednesbury; Shrewsbury v Old Wulfrunians; Spalding v Kettering; Stafford v Aldridge; Streetly v Bromsgrove; Sutton Coldfield v Kings Heath; Telford and Shifnal v Wilmslow; West Bridgford v Players; West Bromwich v Michelin; Wombourne v Stourport.
WOMEN: Home Countries tournament (at Gateshead).

Scottish first division

Airdrie v Montrose
Clyde v Partick
Dumbarton v Morton
E Fife v Dunfermline
Forfar v Brechin
Kilmarnock v Queen of Sth

Scottish second division

Alloa v Albion
Berwick v Queen's Park
Cowdenbeath v Arbroath
E Stirling v Ayr
Raith v Meadowbank
St Johnstone v Stranraer
Stenhsmuir v Stirling

OTHER SPORT

BADMINTON: Hull open championship (10.0).
BOWLS: McCarthy and Stone indoor club championship semi-finals (at Darlington).
DARTS: Nations Cup and Triples (at Alexandra Pavilion).
ETON FIVES: Kinnaird Cup (at Eton, 10.15).
EQUESTRIANISM: Becton Park trials.
ICE SKATING: English style championships (at Richmond).
REAL TENNIS: Amateur singles championship (at Holyport, near Maidenhead).
ROWING: Beefeater University boat race: Oxford v Cambridge (Putney to Mortlake, 12.15); Head of the River race (Mortlake to Putney, 3.45).
SNOOKER: Embassy World professional championship: Qualifying rounds (at Guildhall, Preston); Benson and Hedges Irish Masters (at Goffs, Co Kildare).
SPEEDWAY: League Cup: Bradford v Belle Vue; Coventry v Sheffield. British Trophy: Cradley v Wolverhampton. Challenge: King's Lynn v Ipswich; Swindon v Hackney. Spring Cup: Second leg: Berwick v Edinburgh (7.0). Challenge: Canterbury v Eastbourne (7.0).
SQUASH RACKETS: Under 19 home internationals (at Forthills SC, Dundee); Ascot Oxfordshire women's open (at Thame); Yorkshire open cup, at Thornbridge. (12.0).
SWIMMING: Speedo fast water meeting (at Newport).

RUGBY UNION

JOHN PLAYER SPECIAL CUP
Semi-finals
Orrell v Bath
Wasps v Leicester

SCHWEPPES WELSH CUP
Semi-finals
Cardiff v Neath (at Swansea)
Newbridge v Swansea (at Cardiff)

TOUR MATCH
Cornwall v New Zealand Barbarians (at Redruth)

JOHN SMITH'S MERIT TABLE A
London Scottish v Moseley
Nottingham v Harlequins

MERIT TABLE B
Blackheath v Bedford
Waterloo v Northampton

INTER SERVICES TOURNAMENT
RAF v Royal Navy (at Twickenham)

COLTS INTERNATIONAL
France v England (at Tours)

CLUB MATCHES
Abertillery v Aberavon
Birkenhead Park v Nuneaton
Birmingham v Cheltenham
Bridgend v Ebbw Vale
Coventry v Maesteg
Exeter v Plymouth
Fylde v Middlesbrough
Gosforth v Otley
Glamorgan Wanderers v London Welsh
Metropolitan Police v South Wales Police
New Brighton v Headingley
Newport v Richmond
Penarth v Pontypool
Pontypridd v London Irish
Rosslyn Park v Bristol
Roundhay v West Hartlepool
Rugby v Preston Grasshoppers
Saracens v Gloucester
Tredegar v Cross Keys
Vale of Lune v Sheffield
Wakefield v Liverpool St Helens

McEWAN'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE
First division
Edinburgh Acads v Boroughmuir
Hawick v Watsonians
Kelso v Heriot's FP
Melrose v Jed-Forest
Selkirk v Glasgow Acads
Stewart's Melville FP v Gala
West of Scotland v Ayr

EASTERN COUNTIES CUP: Final: Sudbury v Southend (at Sudbury).
TANDEM COMPUTERS SEVEN COUNTIES MERIT TABLE: St Mary's Hospital v Thurrock; Upper Clapton v Askeans.
BISLEY OFFICE EQUIPMENT SOUTHERN MERIT TABLE: Basingstoke v Maidenhead; Henley v Havant.
GIROBANK NORTH WEST LEAGUE: First division: Mid Cheshire College v Wigan; West park v Davenport. Second division: Carlisle v Heaton Moor.
NORTH: Club matches: Bradford Salem v Goole; Castleford v Newark; Cleckheaton v Baildon; Grimsby v Hemsworth; Hessle v York Rt; Ilkley v Acklam; Ionians v Selby; Kendal v Harrogate; Knottingley v Old Otliensians; Leigh v Sandal; Lymm v Rochdale; Macclesfield v Blackburn; Malton and Norton v Wath-on-Dearne; Manchester v Bradford and Bingley; Marist v Huddersfield YMCA; Moortown v North Ribblesdale; Old Brodleians v Bramley; Pontefract v Barnsley; Rodillians v Roundhegians; Rotherham v East Retford; Sandbach v Sedgley Park; Scunthorpe v Keswick; Sheffield Tigers v Yarnbury; Thornensians v Driffield; West Park Bramhope v Old Crossleyans; Widnes v Chester; Wilmslow v Winnington Park; Wirral v Caldy; Worksop v Aylestonians; York v Old Hymerians.

LONDON AND SOUTH EAST: Club matches: Beckenham v Metropolitan Police 4 division; Centaurs v Wimbledon; Chelmsford v Old Griffins; Civil Service v Old Blues; Drifters v Osterley; East London v Colchester; Guildford and Godalming v Oxford; Guy's Hospital v Cambridge; Harrow v Old Verulamians; Ipswich v Old Cantabrigians; Newbury v Hertford; Old Gaytonians v Lewes; Old Rutlishians v Old Emanuel; Old Westcliffians v Dartfordians; Old Whitgiftians v Sidcup; Oxford Old Boys v Eastleigh; Peterborough v Aylesbury; Purley v Maidstone; Saffron Walden v Norwich; Salisbury v Devizes; Slough v Beaconsfield; Staines v NatWest Bank; Streatham Croydon v US Portsmouth; Stockwood Park v Marlow; Torquay Athletic v Esher; Warlingham v KCS Old Boys; Welwyn v Fullerians; Westcombe Park v Tonbridge; Woodford v High Wycombe.
BANKS AND SILVERS MERIT TABLE: Evesham v Kenilworth.
GLYNWED ENGINEERING MERIT TABLE: Bedford Athletic v Bletchley; Vipers v Northamptonians.
MIDSHIRES MERIT TABLE: Old Halesonians v Handsworth.
WYVERN MERIT TABLE: Woodrush v Selly Oak.
MIDLANDS: Club matches: Aston OE v Redditch; Barker's Butts v Ealing; Birmingham Welsh v Veseyans; Bridgnorth v Luctonians; Bromsgrove v Swindon; Burton v Wrexham; Dixonians v Loughborough; Earlsdon v Belgrave; Edwardians v Walsall; Five Ways v Old Centrals; Hereford v Cardiff HSOB; Leamington v Leighton Buzzard; Letchworth v Kettering; Luton v Wigston; Lutterworth v Coalville; Mellish v South Leicester; Melton v Old Newtonians; Nuneaton Extras v Birmingham United; Oadby Wyggestonians v Spalding; Old Bosworthians v GEC Coventry; Old Centrals v Five Ways; Old Coventrians v Nuneaton OE; Old Laurentians v Kibworth; Old Longtonians v Stoke Old Boys; Old Moseleians v Bournville; Old Patesians v Stratford; Old Saltleians v Trinity Guild; Old Yardleians v Old Wheatleyans; Oxford Marathon v Keresley; Peterborough v Aylesbury; Silhillians v King's Norton; Solihull v Pavlors; Spartans v Warley; Stamford v Market Rasen; Stoneygate v Boston; Stourbridge v Ludlow; Sutton Coldfield v Westleigh; Telford v Kidderminster; Warwick v Old Warwickians; Willenhall v Trentham; Wolverhampton v Taunton; Wulfrun v Pershore.

SPORT ON TV

BOWLS: Midland Bank World indoor pairs championship, Bournemouth. BBC2: 4.40 and 8.15pm. BBC1: 11.50pm.
INTERNATIONAL DARTS: Nations Cup, Alexandra Pavilion, London. ITV: 2.45pm.
SAINT AND GREAVSIE: ITV: 12.05pm. Results service: 4.45pm.
GRANDSTAND: Rowing: Beefeater University boat race: Oxford v Cambridge and the Head of the River race; Football focus; Racing: 1.45, 2.15 and 2.50 races from Newbury plus 1987 Seagram Grand National preview; Rugby League: Silk Cut Cup semi-final: Widnes v Halifax from Headingley; Final score: 4.40. BBC1: 11.45am-5.05pm.
RACING: 3.05, 3.40, 4.10 and 4.40 races from Doncaster. C4: 3pm.
BIG MATCH: Football highlights. ITV: 10.45pm.
SPORTSCENE: BBC1 Scotland: 9.45pm.

Tomorrow

BOWLS: Midland Bank World indoor pairs championship, Bournemouth. BBC2: 2.35, 5.0, 8.40pm and 12.05am.
RUGBY SPECIAL: BBC2: 1.55pm, (Wales: BBC2: 1.55pm and BBC1: 12am).
SCOTSPORT: Scottish ITV/Grampian: 5pm.
INTERNATIONAL VOLLEYBALL: Pickfords Travel Trophy. C4: 6.15pm.

TOMORROW

Full Members Cup Final

Today League

Blackburn v Charlton (at Wembley)

Fourth division

Hartlepool v Lincoln
Swansea v Halifax (2.30)

MULTIPART LEAGUE: Goole v Bangor.
SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Fareham v King's Lynn.
GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Melksham v Saltash; Bideford v Bristol City (11.0); Torrington v Barnstaple.
WELSH YOUTH CUP: Final: Cardiff City v Wrexham (at Rhayader FC).

RUGBY UNION

WHITBREAD FREMLINS KENT CUP: Final: Askeans v Blackheath (at Sevenoaks RFC).

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: Hull v Warrington; Leeds v Barrow; Leigh v Bradford (3.30); Oldham v Castleford; St Helens v Hull KR; Wakefield v Wigan (3.30). Second division: Batley v Swinton; Blackpool v Bramley (2.30); Doncaster v York; Huddersfield v Runcorn (3.30); Keighley v Rochdale (3.15); Mansfield v Workington; Sheffield v Hunslet; Whitehaven v Fulham (3.30).

HOCKEY

COUNTY MATCHES: Derbyshire v Cheshire (at Derby); Midlands v North (at Lilleshall); Derbyshire Under-21 v Cheshire Under-21 (at Derby); Midlands Under-21 v North Under-21 (at Lilleshall).
CLUB MATCHES: Bloxwich v Aldridge; Coventry and North Warwickshire v Standard; Droitwich v Wednesbury; Kings Heath v Redditch.
WOMEN: Home Countries tournament (at Gateshead).

ICE HOCKEY

HEINEKEN LEAGUE: Premier division: Ayr Bruins v Dundee Rockets (7.0); Murrayfield Racers v Cleveland Bombers (6.30); Solihull Barons v Streatham Redskins (6.30); Whitley Warriors v Durham Wasps (6.30). First division: Bournemouth Stags v Glasgow Eagles (5.15); Irvine Wings v Telford Tigers (5.0); Kirkcaldy Kestrels v Swindon Wildcats (6.30); Southampton Vikings v Peterborough Pirates (6.0); Trafford Metros v Lee Valley Lions (5.30).

VOLLEYBALL

ROYAL BANK NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division women: Birmingham PPG v Bradford Mythbreakers (1.0); Sale v Arsenal (3.30); Southgate TC v Southsea Scorpions (11.30); Speedwell v Spark (1.0).

CRICKET

FOSTER'S NATIONAL INDOOR LEAGUE: Northern zone: Warrington v Derby; Hull v Sheffield; Manchester v Rochdale. Midlands zone: Peterborough v Walsall; Leicester v Nottingham; Cradley Heath v Wellingborough. Southern zone: Tottenham v Hounslow; Ipswich v Fareham.

TENNIS

MORTGAGE CORPORATION NATIONAL LEAGUE: Group A: Birmingham v Heston (2.30); Middlesbrough v Manchester (4.0). Group B: Bournemouth v Woking (4.0); Telford v Croydon (4.0).
TOURNAMENT: Royal Bank Junior indoor winter series (at Surrey T and CC, Croydon).

HANDBALL

BRITISH CUP: Semi-finals: Men: EK '82 v Salford (2.0); Tryst '77 v Kirkby Select (3.0). Women: Wakefield Metros v Salford (2.0); Great Dane v Halewood Town Ladies (3.0).

LACROSSE

REGIONAL TROPHY: Lancashire v Cheshire (at Old Hulmeians).
WOMEN'S UNDER 21 INTERNATIONAL: England v Scotland (at Luton FC, 10.30).

OTHER SPORT

AMERICAN FOOTBALL: Charity match: Kent Rams v London Capitals (at Dartford GS, Shepherd Lane, 2.0).
BOWLS: McCarthy and Stone indoor club championship final (at Darlington).
EQUESTRIANISM: Becton Park trials.
ICE SKATING: English style championships (at Richmond).
MOTO-CROSS: British 250cc championship: First round (at Matchams MSC).
MOTOR SPORT: Toyota Formula Three (at Mallory Park); Saloon car festival (at Brands Hatch, 2.0); British sports car championship (at Thruxton, 2.0).
REAL TENNIS: World championship challenge (at Queen's Club, West Kensington).
SNOOKER: Embassy World professional championship: Qualifying rounds (at Preston); Benson and Hedges Irish Masters (at Goffs, Co Kildare).
SPEEDWAY: Challenge: Rye House v Peterborough (4.0). London/Sussex Trophy: Second leg: Eastbourne v Wimbledon (3.30). Gauge Cup: First leg: Mildenhall v Arena Essex (3.0).
SQUASH RACKETS: Under-19 home internationals (at Forthills SC, Dundee); Ascot Oxfordshire women's open (at Thame); Economist Cannons Grand Prix (at Cannons Club, London EC4); Yorkshire open cup, at Thornbridge. (11.30); Northern championship, Durham v Yorkshire, at Stockton racecourse (3.0).

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RACING

Gold Prospect well drawn to pounce late in Lincoln

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

As far as ante-post betting is concerned, it is no longer possible to take the William Hill Lincoln seriously because of the marked effect of the draw.

Don Cox, Doncaster's manager, believes that improved grass husbandry and general maintenance have made the two sides of the track identical and takes the view that it is the horses that you are drawn with, not the side of the course you are on, which is the significant factor in the Lincoln. However, results point to that not being the case.

While conceding that it is important to have other fit and fancied horses around you, the fact remains that whenever the ground has been soft on Town Moor on Lincoln day in recent years, a low draw has been imperative.

It has been soft there five times since 1980 and on those occasions the winner has never been drawn higher than nine. So with soft ground underfoot guaranteed again this afternoon, I am again expecting the winner to come from those drawn on the side of the track furthest from the stands. I had intended going for Framlington Court but have been put off by his draw of 17.

De Rigueur, Below Zero, Vague Shot, Xhai and Hilton Brown are others who have featured prominently in ante-post lists, only to be burdened with a high draw.

In the circumstances, I now expect the winner to come from a short list comprising Gold Prospect, Star of A Gunner, Mystical Man, Well Rigged and Fusilier.

Gold Prospect, who won his first race last season on soft ground at Folkestone in the spring, and his last at Newbury in the autumn in identical conditions, is my selection.

When I told his trainer, Toby Balding, where Gold Prospect had been drawn yesterday, his reaction was: "He must have a rattling good chance then, just as long as he gets a good lead early on."

With last year's runner-up, Well Rigged, again drawn one, and likely to blaze the trail up the far rail, he should get precisely that. My feeling is that Well Rigged does not quite stay a mile on a straight galloping track so I expect to see Gold Prospect collar him inside the final furlong.

On a point of handicapping, Star of A Gunner should also be there or thereabouts at the end because this confirmed mudlark will be meeting Gold Prospect on 2lb better terms than when they last met in the autumn. On that occasion there was only a length between them.

Now the decisive factor may be the excellent overall form of Balding's horses, further proof of which came yesterday when Sheer Nectar ran out an easy winner in a field of 25.

No matter how he fares on Star of A Gunner, John Reid, who is fit and supremely confident after his splendidly successful working holiday at Cagnes-sur-Mer, can still enjoy himself by winning the Cammidge Trophy on Que Sympatica (nap).

A winner over today's course and distance in the autumn and a winner first time out earlier in her career, Que Sympatica used to be trined at Newmarket by Ron Boss. She joined Charlie Nelson's Lambourn stable only after her present owner had paid 96,000 guineas for her at Newmarket in December.

The way that she has been going at home recently has fuelled hopes that he will have fun with her on the track before she finally retires to his stud. Third in the race 12 months ago with 5lb more on her back, Que Sympatica looks gifted enough to beat Bridesmaid, Rotherfield Greys and Singing Steven on these terms and on ground she clearly relishes.

Having won the Imperial Cup with Inlander a fortnight ago and the Bic Razor Gold Cup with Tigerwood last Saturday, Epsom trainer Reg Akehurst now appears to have a fine chance of landing a third successive Saturday coup with Juven Light in the Schweppes Handicap Hurdle at Newbury.

A winner twice on the course already this season, Juven Light will take some catching on this ground if he manages to poach a long early lead as is his wont.

Also on the Berkshire course, make a note of Ethels Course, who has made the long journey south from Cartmel, where she is trained by Dudley Moffatt, to run in the Hoechst Panacur EBF Mares Only Novices' Hurdle Final.

With just one recent race behind her, she will be fresher than most.

Gold Prospect and Brian Rouse, who are expected to play leading roles in the William Hill Lincoln at Doncaster today

Winds play havoc

High winds caused all three of yesterday's meetings to be curtailed. Only three races were run at Doncaster, two at Ludlow and one at Newbury.

Doncaster officials will hold an inspection at 6am to check for structural damage and will make an announcement regarding today's racing at 8am.

Yesterday's meeting was abandoned "in the interests of public safety" after a window came loose in the main grandstand and slates were ripped of the Silver Ring roof.

Today's meeting at Hexham was called off yesterday afternoon because the course is waterlogged.

POINT-TO-POINT

Colnside to regain winning thread in Times qualifier

By Brian Beel

Colnside made a good impression four weeks ago at Nedge when winning a division of the Maiden race by a distance. He again ran well last Saturday when failing by only three parts of a length in the Members' race at the Bicester.

Today his chance looks to be good in *The Times* Championship Qualifier at the Weston and Banwell where last week's Quantock faller, Chuga Gurm, should also go well.

At the Grafton, there is a high-class field for the Audi Qualifier with Sunylyn, Dromore Castle, White Paper and Straits among the 44 entries. Sunylyn has not been seen for five weeks since breaking a blood vessel when favourite in the Nottingham hunter chase won by Matchplay. Granted no similar trouble today, she should return to winning form.

In the corresponding event at the Easton Harriers, last week's *Times* Championship qualifier winner, Elusive Spirit, can pass his toughest task to date when he takes on Lord Leighton, third in a recent hunter chase at Leicester. Paddy's Peril cannot be opposed in the Audi race at the Ross Harriers.

Political Whip had a low blood count after his lacklustre performance at Tweseldown for his new stable. At his best he is good enough to win the VWH Open. In the PPOA Race here, Crayke looks to have a sound chance if putting in a clear round.

Providing the going is not too deep at the Eglinton on the old racecourse at Bogside, Fallalaw should have another winning opportunity in the ladies' race.

At the Crawley and Horsham it could pay to follow Philip Scouller's selected rides in the Open and Adjacent Hunts races while Ashwater looks to be a cut above the opposition in the Maiden.

With 69 entered for the Restricted Open at the Bramham Moor, it is strange that the organizers have not seen fit to divide the race. If it is split on the day, the same rider cannot compete in both divisions.

The Lamerton, Vale of Clettwr and Monmouthshire meetings have all been called off because of waterlogged courses.

TODAY'S FIXTURES: Blankney, The Carholme, Lincoln, 1 mile west of town off A57 (first race 1.15); Bramham Moor, Wetherby off A1 (1.0); Crawley and Horsham, Parham, 3m SE of Pulborough off A283 (1.30); Easton Harriers, Higham, 7m NE of Colchester off A12 (1.30); Eglinton, Bogside, 1m N of Irvine off A78 (1.45); Fitzwilliam, Cottenham, 5m NE of Cambridge off B1049 (1.30); Grafton, Mollington, 5m N of Banbury off A423 (12.0); Meynell and South Staffs, Sandon, 3m SE of Stone off A51 (1.0); Ross Harriers, Garnons, 7m W of Hereford off A438 (2.0); VWH, Siddington, 2m S of Cirencester off A419 (1.30); Weston and Banwell Harriers, Nedge, 4m NE of Wells off A39 (1.0); Wilton, Badbury Rings, 5m SE of Blandford off B3082 (1.30).

Princess Anne is 21st

Princess Anne could finish only 21st of 27 on the outsider Final Alma in the Haywards Pickle Handicap for amateur riders at Doncaster yesterday.

Knights Secret soon had the field strung out and led until two furlongs from home where Joli Wasfi took command. Meziara, a 33-1 chance, was making up ground steadily, however, and at the furlong marker forged ahead to win by 1½ lengths.

Princess Anne said after the race: "Final Alma was an absolute gentleman of a ride and I was pleased to partner him." His trainer, Philip Mitchell, said: "Final Alma did not like the ground and the Princess confirmed how bad the conditions were."

DONCASTER

Selections

By Mandarin

2.30 Concordess.
3.05 Spicy Story.
3.40 Gold Prospect.
4.10 Rainbow Trout.
4.40 QUE SYMPATICA (nap).
5.10 La Grande Dame.
5.40 Joligeneration.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

2.30 CONCORDESS (nap).
3.05 Geordies Delight.
3.40 Taranga.
4.10 Sno Surprise.
4.40 Rotherfield Greys.
5.10 Rare Legend.
5.40 Provolo.

By Michael Seely

3.40 Well Rigged. 4.40 Que Sympatica.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.40 QUE SYMPATICA.

Going: soft

2.30 EBF GREY FRIARS MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £1,250: 5f) (8 runners)

5	(5)	0	GEEGA (Full Circle Thoroughbreds C plc) N Tinkler 9-0	NON-RUNNER	—
7	(1)		JUMBO PERIE (B Schmidt-Bodner) K Brassey 9-0	W Newnes	—
9	(7)		SABDABEANI (N Henderson) N Tinkler 9-0	Jane Eades (7)	—
12	(2)		SPORTING CHALLENGE (M Gosse) N Tinkler 9-0	Kim Tinkler	—
13	(8)		SUMMER PARK (F Carr) F Carr 9-0	S Morris	—
15	(3)		CONCORDESS (B) (Mrs E O'Gorman) W O'Gorman 8-9	Pat Eddery	—
16	(6)		LOLLY'S LUCK (S Squires) K Ivory 8-9	A Shoults (3)	—
18	(4)		PAYVASHOOZ (M D M Racing Ltd) M Brittain 8-9	K Darley	—

BETTING: 11-10 Concordess, 4-1 Payvashooz, 11-2 Geega, 8-1 Jumbo Perie, Lolly's Luck, 10-1 Sporting Challenge, 12-1 Sabdabeani, 14-1 Summer Park.

1986: QUEL ESPRIT 9-0 R Cochrane (11-8 fav) M McCormack 10 ran

3.5 THE DONCASTER SHIELD (£8,647: 1m 4f) (9 runners)

1	(1)	132031-	GEORDIE'S DELIGHT (H Letchiman) L Piggott 4-8-13	Pat Eddery	94
3	(3)	1324/	LASHKAFDAL (T Ramsden) R Simpson 4-8-13	S Whitworth	—
5	(5)	143030-	BALLYDURROW (D) (N Jaffer) R Fisher 10-8-10	D Nicholls	68
6	(8)	111311-	BLENDERS CHOICE (D) (M O'Connor) J King 6-8-10	R Cochrane	84
8	(2)	011214-	GULFLAND (CD) (G P-Gordon) G Pritchard-Gordon 6-8-10	Abigail Richards	82
9	(4)	004034/	SOLDIER ANT (A Richards) H O'Neill 7-8-10	C Asmussen	—
10	(7)	032043-	SPICY STORY (C) (P Mellon) I Balding 6-8-10	T Ives	● 99
11	(9)	000000-	VICKSTOWN (D) (Home & Trade Ltd) B Morgan 5-8-10	W R Swinburn	50
12	(6)	013430-	WESTERN DANCER (D) (C Drinkwater) C Horgan 6-8-10	P Cook	90

BETTING: 7-4 Spicy Story, 3-1 Western Dancer, 7-2 Geordie's Delight, 8-1 Gulfland, 10-1 Blenders Choice, 12-1 Ballydurrow, 16-1 Lashkafdal, 20-1 others.

1986: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM GEORDIE'S DELIGHT, highly-consistent last season, showed best form on latest start when (9-7) beating Prince Merandi (7-8) 2½l at Newmarket (1m 2f, £15114, soft, Nov 1, 11 ran).
BALLYDURROW is fit from hurdling but looks to have a difficult task here judged on (8-9) on 2l 3rd to Rana Pratap (9-7) at Ayr (1m 3l, £7430, firm, Sept 20, 8 ran).
BLENDER'S CHOICE, best over this trip, is probably suited by a sound surface. Ran best race on final start of 1986 when (11-11) beating No-U-Turn (10-11) 5l in an amateurs' race at Ascot (1m 4f, £3283, good to firm, Oct 11, 12 ran).
GULFLAND showed best form last season over this trip on soft ground when (9-1) beating Trapeze Artist (8-13) 3l at Chester (1m 4f, £3116, soft, Aug 30, 5 ran). Previously (9-3) 2l 2nd to Witchcraft (8-4) at York (1m 4f, £3986, good to firm, Aug 21, 10 ran) with BALLYDURROW (8-8) 1½l 3rd and VICKSTOWN (7-7) 9th.
SPICY STORY, the class horse here, is effective over 1m 4f although his best form of 1986 was (9-3) a 12½l 3rd to Valuable Witness (9-5) in the Jockey Club Cup at Newmarket (2m, £18884, good to firm, Oct 2, 4 ran).
WESTERN DANCER, below form here latest start, is better judged on (8-12) a 4¾l 3rd to Petrizzo (7-13) at Ascot (2m, £7047, good, July 25, 8 ran).
Selection: SPICY STORY

3.40 WILLIAM HILL LINCOLN HANDICAP (£28,365: 1m str) (26 runners)

1	(3)	202000-	K-BATTERY (CD) (Mrs M Butler) W Elsey 6-10-0 *(Dark green, light blue cross of Lorraine, quartered cap)*	T Ives	94
2	(26)	031020-	HILTON BROWN (Lord McAlpine) P Cundell 6-9-6 *(Yellow, green sleeves, scarlet cap)*	P Cook	92
3	(22)	0/11100-	VAGUE SHOT (D) (A Anthony) R Casey 4-9-4 *(White, orange sash and spots on cap)*	S Cauthen	93
4	(24)	100D40-	DE RIGUEUR (D) (Mrs C Heath) J Bethell 5-8-10 *(Orange, royal blue seams, orange cap)*	C Asmussen	96
6	(9)	301141-	GOLD PROSPECT (D) (H Spack) G Balding 5-8-9 *(Black and purple check, purple sleeves)*	B Rouse	97
7	(21)	10234/0-	GRUNDY LANE (D) (A Millward) E Eldin 5-8-8 *(Black and white stripes, black sleeves)*	J Quinn (5)	—
8	(6)	432023-	STAR OF A GUNNER (CD) (J Neville) R Holder 7-8-8 *(Mauve, white hoop, armlets and cap)*	J Reid	95
9	(10)	0/00000-	REALLY HONEST (D) (E St George) M W Easterby 6-8-8 *(Black, magenta quartered cap)*	W R Swinburn	92
10	(2)	100000-	DAWN'S DELIGHT (V,C) (K Ivory) K Ivory 9-8-7 *(Yellow, white hoop and armlets, white and yellow check cap)*	A Shoults (3)	88
11	(18)	000022-	NICORIDGE (G Wragg) G Wragg 5-8-6 *(Scarlet, white hooped sleeves, quartered cap)*	Paul Eddery	89
12	(4)	040201-	MYSTICAL MAN (N Callaghan) N Callaghan 4-8-5 *(Green and white halved, sleeves reversed, royal blue cap)*	Pat Eddery	94
13	(15)	140234-	BELOW ZERO (D) (T Ramsden) A Bailey 4-8-5 *(Royal blue, white hoops and sleeves, royal blue cap)*	R Cochrane	● 99
14	(1)	120040-	WELL RIGGED (CD) (Mrs J Mountfield) M H Easterby 6-8-5 *(Copper, white cross-belts, green sleeves, black cap)*	M Birch	94
15	(17)	0/31000-	FRAMLINGTON COURT (L Smith) P Walwyn 4-8-5 *(Gold, blue sash, gold cap, orange star)*	B Thomson	92
16	(20)	0/14440-	TRICK OR TREAT (C) (P Newton) J W Watts 4-8-0 *(Red, red and royal blue check cap)*	N Connorton	94
17	(8)	001002-	FUSILIER (B) (R Richards) C Brittain 5-7-12 *(Black and white halved, check cap, light blue sleeves)*	T Williams	95
18	(7)	310100-	TAYLORMADE BOY (D) (B Robson) Denys Smith 4-7-12 *(Red, white chevrons, black sleeves, white cap)*	L Charnock	94
19	(23)	340040-	TRY HARDER (A F Budge Ltd) Jimmy Fitzgerald 4-7-12 *(Yellow, red epaulets, hooped sleeves, quartered cap)*	M Roberts	91
20	(25)	400200-	TARANGA (S Squires) M Tompkins 4-7-11 *(Red, black stripe and armlets, black and red quartered cap)*	R Fox	89
21	(16)	000024-	XHAI (Mrs C Darby) J Francome 5-7-10 *(White, pink stars, white sleeves, white cap, pink star)*	W Carson	93
23	(12)	4D4110-	HONEST TOIL (D Buckley) R Whitaker 4-7-9 *(Black, white chevrons, black sleeves, white cap)*	J Lowe	91
24	(19)	000004-	QUALITAIR FLYER (Qualitair Eng Ltd) K Stone 5-7-9 *(White, black diamond and sleeves)*	A Mackay	98
25	(14)	010340-	GURTEEN BOY (J Horgan) R Hannon 5-7-9 *(Pink, black sash, black and pink striped cap)*	A McGlone	96
26	(11)	001002-	PRINCE MERANDI (Merandi Bloodstock Ltd) M Francis 4-7-9 *(White, royal blue star and star on cap)*	C Rutter (3)	95
28	(5)	000/000-	AUGUST (R Coleman) Denys Smith 6-7-7 *(Green, pink sash and cap, white sleeves)*	M Fry	—
29	(13)	20/4000-	AL DIWAN (Miss A Whitfield) D Arbuthnot 4-7-7 *(Red, white disc, white cap, red star)*	R Street	93

BETTING: 10-1 Gold Prospect, 12-1 Mystical Man, 14-1 De Rigueur, Framlington Court, Well Rigged, 16-1 Below Zero, Star Of A Gunner, Vague Shot, 20-1 Hilton Brown, Really Honest, Xhai, 22-1 Fusilier, Gurteen Boy, Honest Toil, 25-1 others.

1986: K-BATTERY 5-8-4 J Lowe (25-1) W Elsey 25 ran

FORM K-BATTERY (8-4) won this race last year (1m, £22402, good, Mar 22, 25 ran) with WELL RIGGED (7-10) 1½l 2nd, FUSILIER (7-11) ¾l 4th, KAMPGLOW (7-7) a short head 5th, and STAR OF A GUNNER (7-13) 9¾l 10th.
VAGUE SHOT (8-13) landed a gamble first time out last season beating Simwe (9-1) 2l at Kempton (7f, £2792, good to firm, May 5, 12 ran).
DE RIGUEUR (8-5) put up best effort, although subsequently disqualified on technical grounds, when a length winner from GOLD PROSPECT (8-13) at Ascot (7f, £10394, good to firm, Sep 27, 14 ran) with FUSILIER (7-9) a short head 3rd and BELOW ZERO (7-10) another 1½l away 4th.
GOLD PROSPECT (9-8) best judged on a Newbury (1m, £5293, soft, Oct 25, 27 ran) length win over STAR OF A GUNNER (9-9) with GURTEEN BOY (8-11) 1¾l 4th, and DE RIGUEUR (9-7), FRAMLINGTON COURT (9-6), PRINCE MERANDI (8-8) behind.
DAWNS DELIGHT has won three times at Doncaster, but over sprint distances. Best effort last season (8-3) a 2½l win over Tyrollie (9-0) at Newbury (6f, £10534, good to soft, May 17, 22 ran).

FRAMLINGTON COURT is fit from hurdling. Best effort last season (8-7) head 2nd to Meet The Greek (8-7) at Leicester (1m, £4963, good, May 26, 10 ran).
TRICK OR TREAT (8-10) goes well when fresh and beat Pellinko (8-12) 2l first time out at Thirsk (7f, £2855, good to soft, May 10, 12 ran) last season.
XHAI (9-9) acts well on soft but best effort in 1986 a 1½l 2nd to Sharon's Royale (8-5) at Leicester (1m, £3034, good to firm, Oct 21, 19 ran).
Selection: XHAI

Guide to our in-line racecard

103 (12) 0-0432 TIMESFORM 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 .... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F-fell. P-pulled up. U-unseated rider. B-brought down. S-slipped up. R-refused). Horse's name. Days since last outing. (B-blinkers. V-visor. H-hood. E-Eyeshield. C-course winner. D-distance winner. CD-course and distance winner. BF-beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F-firm, good to firm, hard. G-good. S-soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

DRAW ADVANTAGE: low numbers have enjoyed a decisive advantage in all recent runnings of the Lincoln Handicap on soft ground, suggesting that where the field splits into two groups on the straight course, those drawn on the stands side (high) are at a considerable disadvantage. However, in Thursday's two races over five furlongs, where the fields did not split into two groups, those drawn high appeared to have the advantage.

4.10 'MAIL ON SUNDAY' THREE YR OLD SERIES HANDICAP (£4,110: 7f) (15 runners)

1	(10)	323300-	KYVERDALE (M George) M Ryan 9-7	P Robinson	89
3	(4)	03141-	MELODY MAKER (CD) (Mrs P Shaw) B Hills 9-2	J Reid	94
4	(14)	243440-	MISTER COLIN (Lt-Col E Herries) R Hannon 9-0	B Rouse	91
7	(11)	10-0042	LORD WESTGATE (D) (K Jaffa) M Usher 8-10	M Wigham	92
8	(3)	032201-	SUPREME STATE (D) (T Wellard) P Makin 8-10	T Quinn	92
9	(7)	400-	CHECKPOINT (R Richards) C Brittain 8-7	M Roberts	81
10	(5)	000304-	JONITE (J Marsella) J Booth 8-7	M Rimmer	83
12	(6)	030000-	SYLVAN ORIENT (Mrs R Johnson) P Mitchell 8-5	A McGlone	90
13	(2)	020110-	SNO SURPRISE (D) (Mrs J Gold) R Boss 8-3	Pat Eddery	87
14	(15)	040-403	MUSICAL BELLS (B) (R Sangster) L Piggott 8-2	B Crossley	88
15	(13)	310400-	FOUR LAFFS (C Coupland) H Whiting 8-1	W Woods (3)	98
16	(12)	200102-	AFRABELA (A Wragg) M Brittain 7-13	A Munro (7)	92
20	(8)	040202-	RAINBOW TROUT (D Ridal) M Camacho 7-10	W Carson	92
21	(1)	1020-	BOTHY BALLAD (P Calver) P Calver 7-8	M Fry	● 99
22	(9)	130000-	THEKKIAN (F H Lee) R Hollinshead 7-7	A Culhane (7)	94

BETTING: 100-30 Lord Westgate, 7-2 Musical Bells, 4-1 Bothy Ballad, 7-1 Sno Surprise, 15-2 Afrabela, 10-1 Kyverdale, Supreme State, 12-1 others.

1986: MISNAAD 7-13 W Carson (5-1) B Hanbury 25 ran

FORM KYVERDALE is consistent and was far from disgraced in a hot Newmarket nursery (6f, £87141, good, Oct 16, 12 ran) when (9-2) 7¾l 6th to Print (9-2) with LORD WESTGATE (8-7) a short head 7th.
LORD WESTGATE has been running in Cagnes and finished a length 2nd in a mile race, also (9-2) a length 2nd to Star North (9-7) over 1m 2f (good to soft, Mar 8, 9 ran).
MISTER COLIN (9-3) is well handicapped on early season form, including a 6l 2nd to subsequent group winner Sizzling Melody (9-3) at Lingfield (5f, £959, good to soft, Apr 5, 7 ran).
JONITE (9-0) showed improved form when 1¾l 4th to Betty Jane (8-11) at Leicester (1m, £964, good, Nov 4, 17 ran).
SNO SURPRISE (8-0) best judged on a neck victory over Stillman (9-7) at Beverley (7f 100yd, £2650, good to soft, Aug 27, 8 ran).
MUSICAL BELLS (8-9) best effort at Cagnes (1m, good, Mar 10, 13 ran) when 2l 3rd to Snadraca (8-10).
BOTHY BALLAD (8-5) looks attractively weighted on a 2l 2nd to Pen Bal Lady (9-2) at Thirsk (7f, £2460, good to firm, Aug 1, 6 ran).
Selection: BOTHY BALLAD

4.40 CAMMIDGE TROPHY (£9,115: 6f) (13 runners)

1	(2)	440000-	ROARING RIVA (D) (A Field) W Musson 4-9-12	M Wigham	80
2	(4)	334000-	BRIDESMAID (V,D) (R Sangster) B Hills 4-9-4	C Asmussen	85
4	(9)	090000-	FARNCOMBE (A Richards) H O'Neill 4-9-2	P Cook	—
5	(8)	100323-	GODS LANE (T Harty) John FitzGerald 4-9-2	G Baxter	—
7	(7)		NEON (Capt R Johnson) C Spares 6-9-2	A Proud	—
8	(11)	040332-	PERION (C) (E & B Productions Ltd) G Lewis 5-9-2	S Cauthen	89
9	(3)	311300-	PHILIP (V,C,D) (D Marley) N Tinkler 5-9-2	Kim Tinkler	79
10	(5)	101011-	ROTHERFIELD GREYS (D) (Mrs D Gleeson) J Pearce 5-9-2	Pat Eddery	88
11	(12)	400000-	TOUCH OF GREY (D) (T Jennings) D Thom 4-9-2	NON-RUNNER	72
12	(10)	024014-	QUE SYMPATICA (CD) (D Dick) C Nelson 5-8-13	J Reid	● 99
14	(13)	230311-	SINGING STEVEN (B) (Dr S Bennett) R Hannon 3-8-9	B Rouse	92
15	(6)	111010-	CROFTER'S CLINE (D) (D Beresford) J Wilson 3-8-2	Paul Eddery	87
16	(1)	340100-	PEATSWOOD SHOOTER (D) (G Ashton) M Brittain 3-8-2	K Darley	86

BETTING: 7-4 Que Sympatica, 7-2 Rotherfield Greys, 5-1 Bridesmaid, 15-2 Crofter's Cline, 8-1 Singing Steven, 10-1 Roaring Riva, 12-1 Peatswood Shooter, Philip, 25-1 others.

1986: GREY DESIRE 6-9-10 K Darley (7-4 fav) M Brittain 13 ran

FORM BRIDESMAID, well below form final start of last season, had previously run consistently well including (8-9) a 6¾l 5th to Green Desert (8-12) with ROARING RIVA (8-12) 2½l 6th at Haydock (6f Group II, £41154, good, Sept 6, 8 ran).

ROTHERFIELD GREYS improved throughout last term. Ran best race on latest start when (9-13) beating George William (8-4) 1¾l at York (5f, good to firm); earlier (9-8) beat Bonny Light (8-1) ¾l with PERION (8-7) a short head farther away 3rd at Goodwood (5f, £3047, good, Sept 29, 14 ran).
QUE SYMPATICA holds a strong claim on (9-1) a 4¾l 4th to Bussova (8-2) here (6f, good) and previously (10-0) a 3l defeat of Chaplin's Club (8-5), also here (6f, £5400, good to soft, Oct 25, 14 ran).
CROFTER'S CLINE looks the best of the younger generation and on penultimate start (9-2) beat Abuzz (8-13) ½l at York (5f, £612, good, Sept 4, 5 ran).
Selection: QUE SYMPATICA

5.10 MARCH MAIDEN STAKES (£959: 1m 6f 127yd) (21 runners)

1	(15)	0-	CASH TO BURN (A Goldson) Mrs N Macauley 4-9	Gay Kelleway (3)	—
3	(14)	0430-	GREEN STEPS (B) (Lady A Bentinck) J Glover 5-9-0	J Matthias	● 99
5	(17)	20/	HIGHFIRE (G Monohan) O O'Neill 5-9-0	B Rouse	—
6	(5)	000000-	IKRAAM (W Fouracres) Mrs N Macauley 4-9-0	R Hills	—
7	(9)	320442/	KING OF THE SEA (D Adams) Mrs S Oliver 4-9-0	W Newnes	—
8	(18)	2/	KRISTENSON (J Coward) R Fisher 10-9-0	D Nicholls	—
10	(6)	000-	PODSNAP (J Pearce) J Pearce 4-9-0	N Day	—
11	(7)	000000/	PORTAL DANCER (Portal Developments Ltd) F Carr 4-9-0	S Morris	—
12	(1)	000-	RAF (D Robinson) R Holder 4-9-0	J Reid	82
14	(12)	00/00-	SANTO BOY (J Rose) W Wharton 4-9-0	W Ryan	80
15	(10)	42024/0-	SWIFT ASCENT (Mrs J Gee) G Balding 5-9-0	J Williams	—
16	(4)	00/0000-	THE LODGE PRINCE (B) (Qualitair Hotels Ltd) K Stone 6-9-0	M Birch	—
17	(11)		TOP TIER (D Francis) J Mackie 4-9-0	B Thomson	—
18	(16)	30-	TOUKSHAD (B) (F Fern) J Mackie 4-9-0	S Keightley	80
19	(21)		WAVERLEY BOY (S Pedersen) J Wainwright 5-9-0	S Lawes	—
23	(3)	00000-	LA GRANDE DAME (T Gover) R Simpson 4-8-11	S Whitworth	85
24	(13)	0-	MOMA (T Vigors) N Vigors 4-8-11	P Cook	—
25	(15)	000240-	MOSSBERRY FAIR (R Dineen) W Haigh 4-8-11	R Cochrane	86
26	(20)	002420-	RARE LEGEND (M Sinclair) M Ryan 4-8-11	P Robinson	98
27	(2)		TRACK ANGEL (Mrs V Stone) K Stone 4-8-11	L Charnock	—
28	(8)	04-	VAULA (Mrs M Chaworth Musters) J Shaw 4-8-11	M Priddy (7)	82

BETTING: 9-4 Swift Ascent, 7-2 Green Steps, 11-2 Rare Legend, 6-1 Raf, Vaula, 8-1 La Grande Dame, 10-1 others.

1986: MR QUICK 7-8-11 M Hindley (13-2) W Wharton 17 ran

5.40 DONCASTER EXHIBITION CENTRE MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £9,910: 7f) (21)

2	(18)	ARTAIUS STAR (K Fischer) R Hollinshead 9-0	S Perks	—
3	(20)	BEAUREPAIRE BOY (Miss D Hallsworth) J Wainbwright 9-0	S Lawes	—
4	(21)	FIGHTING FORCE (C Drinkwater) C Horgan 9-0	P Cook	—
5	(5)	JOLIGENERATION (A Ward) G Harwood 9-0	G Starkey	—
7	(11)	LOCHERRE (G Chatterton) M H Easterby 9-0	M Wood	—
8	(16)	LOCHIVOR (H Key) M H Easterby 9-0	M Birch	—
10	(10)	MOUNTAIN KINGDOM (Pin Oak Stable) C Brittain 9-0	S Cauthen	—
11	(1)	NERO (Mrs L Piggott) L Piggott 9-0	B Crossley	—
13	(3)	PROVOLO (A Foustok) W O'Gorman 9-0	Pat Eddery	—
14	(9)	PUNKWALLA (Mrs P Yong) E Eldin 9-0	A Mackay	—
15	(8)	RIVER LOCH (R Sangster) B Hills 9-0	C Asmussen	—
16	(14)	ROCK PIGEON (Duke of Sutherland) J W Watts 9-0	B Thomson	—
18	(13)	SEALED BID (Sir M Sobell) L Piggott 9-0	T Ives	—
19	(19)	SHARP DIAMOND (Mrs B Marsella) J Booth 9-0	M Rimmer	—
21	(4)	SPRINGING SIDNEY (Mrs M Beddis) R Whitaker 9-0	D McKeown	—
22	(6)	TREBONKERS (I Weaver) W Musson 9-0	M Wigham	—
24	(12)	GUNNER'S ROW (K Johnson) G Moore 8-11	C Coates	—
25	(2)	LADY MOONLIGHT (Rolovale Ltd) P Kelleway 8-11	W Carson	—
26	(15)	MAGIC MOVER (E Stockdale) D Chapman 8-11	G Craggs (7)	—
27	(17)	MISS CHARMING (B Schmidt-Bodner) M Ryan 8-11	P Robinson	—
29	(7)	SNOW LADY (Lord Matthews) I Matthews 8-11	G Carter	—

BETTING: Evens Joligeneration, 11-2 Sealed Bid, 6-1 Rock Pigeon, 8-1 Provolo, 10-1 Mountain Kingdom, Nero, River Loch, 12-1 Trebonkers, 14-1 others.

1986: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

Course specialists

TRAINERS

	Winners	Runners	Per Cent
W O'Gorman	13	58	22.4
G Harwood	17	85	20.0
B Hills	20	124	16.1
G P-Gordon	8	79	10.1
M H Easterby	13	137	9.5
C Brittain	14	195	7.2

JOCKEYS

	Winners	Rides	Per Cent
G Starkey	21	107	19.6
N Day	7	36	19.4
W Carson	42	235	17.9
S Cauthen	35	211	16.6
R Hills	11	75	14.7
Pat Eddery	19	140	13.6

BANGOR

Selections

By Mandarin

2.0 Mariner's Star. 2.30 Baby Sigh. 3.0 Chipped Metal. 3.30 Star Of Screen.
4.0 Celtic Bard. 4.30 Megabit. 5.0 Cherry Crest.

Going: soft (heavy patches) (Precautionary inspection 7am)

2.0 PENLEY NOVICE HURDLE (£808: 2m) (18 runners)

8	FP-P	FROM CLARE-TE-HERE 32 R E Peacock 6-11-1	K Ryan (7)
11	0P-	MARINER'S LAD 506 P Bevan 5-11-1	T Wall
12	-402	MARINER'S STAR 11 Mrs C Lloyd-Jones 5-11-1	M Bosley (4)
14	0/0-	MUSHERA MOUNTAIN 655 M Dickinson 6-11-1	J D Davies (4)
20	0-0	TROOPER SERGEANT 8 T Bill 8-11-1	R Crank
21	P030	VISUAL IDENTITY 8 Miss A King 5-11-1	A Webb
23	00P	COUNTRY SEAT 45 R Francis 5-10-10	—
24	0-	DIMEDOR LADY 331 Miss S Bather 5-10-10	—
29	0-00	NOT ENOUGH 91 Mrs T Corrie 5-10-10	—
31	P	ROCHE RUBY 42 S Torr 5-10-10	—
32	00P	RUBADARK 18 (S) R Juckes 6-10-10	T Pinfield (7)
34	0320	COURT RULER 7 Miss S Wilson 4-10-7	—
36	P	GLYNCEIRIOG 141 R Francis 4-10-7	S J O'Neill
38	0F	SPACE FAIR 33 W Owens 4-10-7	F Rafferty (7)
40	0P0	WATERFORD WAY 42 R Hollinshead 4-10-7	P Dever
41		LOTTIE LIMEJUICE P Hamer 4-10-2	—
42	0P0	THE DABBER 8 B Wells 4-10-2	W Morris
43	03	WHISTLING EDGE 8 J Spearing 4-10-2	S Morshead

5-2 Mariner's Star, 3-1 Whistling Edge, 7-2 Visual Identity, 6-1 Waterford Way, 10-1 Court Ruler, 12-1 The Dabber.

2.30 EBBISTOCK HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,879: 2m) (14)

8	0F04	FAARIS 7 (CD,G) B Curley 6-11-7	—
9	-402	BABY SIGH 14 (C,BF,G) R Francis 5-11-5	D Browne
10	41	PINCTADA 19 (S) R Simpson 5-11-4	B Wright
11	0-00	MOUNT HARVARD 12 (D,G,S) G Barnett 11-11-2	S Davies (7)
16	-212	LE SOIR 189 (D,F) R Francis 5-10-13	S J O'Neill
17	1408	CAMPUS BOY 110 (D,F,S) R Juckes 6-10-13	—
18	1402	KAM HILL 37 (D,S) O Brennan 5-10-12	M Brennan
23	2009	DERWENT KING 9 (D,F,G) Mrs J Croft 10-10-8	Miss G Armytage (4)
24	0000	AMBIAN HILL 8 (B) J Cosgrave 8-10-7	T Pinfield (7)
26	00U0	RIDGEWAY GIRL 7 J Parfitt 7-10-5	R Pusey
27	0000	DREADNOUGHT 14 (D,S) J Carden 7-10-4	Mr J Carden
28	0004	WALMER SANDS 7 B Preece 5-10-3	—
29	/P00	ANOTHER SPECIAL 37 (B,F) M James 9-10-0	Sharron James
32	3/00	WILLIAM THE FIRST 24 (F,G,S) A W Jones 12-10-0	—

3-1 Baby Sigh, 7-2 Pinctada, 4-1 Le Soir, 6-1 Faaris, 8-1 Kam Hill, Campus Boy, 10-1 Mount Harvard, 14-1 others.

3.0 ALTHREY WOODHOUSE HANDICAP CHASE (£2,649: 2m 4f) (9)

3	2440	HOPE END 1 (C,D,F,G,S) R Dickin 9-11-7	C Jones
4	0142	CHIPPED METAL 14 (D,BF,F,G,S) R Francis 8-11-6	Mr D Barlow (7)
7	P4PF	BRINKWATER 26 (G) D Pitcher 11-11-2	Mr D Pitcher
8	-F00	SHORT RATE 24 (G,S) M Fetherston-Godley 9-10-13	Miss G Armytage (4)
10	0104	FLYING MISTRESS 19 (D,BF,S) J Webber 9-10-1	A Webb
13	0003	SMALL MONEY 7 (S) (C) Mrs W Sykes 8-10-0	S Morshead
14	0-00	CROWECOPPER 115 (C,D,G,S) B Preece 8-10-0	—
17	-3PF	TRUSTY CATCHER 100 (S) M Tate 9-10-0	M Bastard
18	00P0	RUBERCOLA 7 (C,G) M Scudamore 10-10-0	S McNeill

15-8 Hope End, 7-2 Chipped Metal, 4-1 Flying Mistress, 6-1 Brinkwater, 8-1 Small Money, 10-1 Crowecopper, 12-1 others.

3.30 PETER MARSH NOVICE CHASE (£2,867: 3m) (14)

1	3441	STAR OF SCREEN 16 (F,S) J Edwards 7-11-13	D Browne
2	3031	FLAREY SARK 14 (S) R Fisher 10-11-8	—
3	/831	PACIFISTE 15 (S) Mrs M Dickinson 7-11-8	G Bradley
4	/PP/	ANTONY JOE 5 (S) R Francis 8-11-3	S J O'Neill
8	0040	COME ON SONNY 1 K White 8-11-3	K Doolan
9	0-PP	CONDUIT COURT 14 J Skelton 7-11-3	S Johnson
12	P	KIDU KING 11 (S) B Cambidge 10-11-3	Mr J Cambidge
15	-0PP	MITRE HOUSE 100 Mrs A Price 7-11-3	Miss L Wallace
18	F030	POLISH 7 (S) R Dickin 9-11-3	C Jones
20	2/00	RAUSAL 7 T Bailey 8-11-3	P Warner
23	0PPP	SPEY HAWK 32 R E Peacock 6-11-3	K Ryan (7)
24	0020	THE SHINER 35 M Tate 7-11-3	M Bastard
27	P-P0	CLAIR SOLEIL 30 Mrs J Croft 7-10-12	A Gorman
28	02P0	LIQUER CANDY 16 J Webber 8-10-12	A Webb

2-1 Flarey Sark, 3-1 Star Of Screen, 7-2 Pacifiste, 5-1 The Shiner, 8-1 Antony Joe, 12-1 Liquer Candy, 16-1 others.

4.0 PENLEY NOVICE HURDLE (£785: 2m) (9)

2	00	BANG BANG 23 O Owens 5-11-1	—
3	00-0	BILLION MELODY 122 A Brisbourne 5-11-1	M Brisbourne
8	22	CELTIC BIRD (BF) T Bill 5-11-1	R Crank
12		FORMULA ONE Mrs W Sykes 5-11-1	S Morshead
18	0-09	SHOOT TO WIN 40 S Mellor 6-11-1	M Harrington
22	/0-0	WALK IN RHYTHM 1 Mrs A Price 6-11-1	Miss L Wallace
28	P-0	PORTWAY ANNA 8 M Scudamore 8-10-10	A McNeill
30	P0	RENDSLEY BOUDICA 12 G Barnett 5-10-10	S Davies
34	P	FAST REALM 8 D Wellicome 4-10-7	—

8-15 Celtic Bard 12, 4-1 Shoot To Win, 6-1 Formula One, 10-1 Portway Anna, 14-1 Walk In Rhythm, 20-1 others.

4.30 HUGH PEEL HUNTER CHASE (Amateurs: £680: 3m) (15)

2	2	AL BORAK 22 J Dalton 13-11-7	A Dalton (7)
3	0/2-	BARNING 305 J Milner 11-11-7	—
4	30/F	BLARE 28 (S) C Tristine 9-11-7	G Hanmer (7)
5	P-FP	BRONZE WARRIOR 31 G Roe 7-11-7	C J Lumsden
6	3P/4	BURN NOOKA 11 (B,G,S) B Munro-Wilson 10-11-7	B Munro-Wilson
8	2P-P	DOOR STEP 22 (D,F,S) Mrs K Ratcliffe 11-11-7	C Ratcliffe (7)
9	-0BF	JASSIM 28 (F,G) S Wanless 9-11-7	S Wanless (7)
10	2F-P	LONESOME PARK 45 (V,S) Mrs A Price 11-11-7	L Wallace (7)
11	P0-2	MEGABIT 18 (F,S) Miss M Angell 8-11-7	M Armytage (4)
14	F00-	RAMBLING BUCK 327 (D,G,S) Mrs J Griffiths 13-11-7	—
15	0P/0	TERRY'S LAD 5 W Wharton 7-11-7	C Vale (7)
16	2/0P	TOURA LAD 18 R Francis 6-11-7	D Barlow (7)
17	P3	GRAYROSE ACADEMIC 305 Dr G Jones 9-11-2	J Griffith (7)
18	U44/	LEXHAM VIEW 735 (S) J Hewitt 9-11-2	P Hewitt (7)
19	0P-P	SUNLIT RIVER 28 (D,G,S) D Pitcher 10-11-2	D Pitcher

9-4 Burn Nooka, 100-30 Megabit, 9-2 Al Borak, 6-1 Door Step, 8-1 Sunlit River, 10-1 Lonesome Park, 12-1 others.

5.0 GRUNWICK NH FLAT RACE (£1068: 2m) (18)

1	12	SAND KEY 14 (D,S) M Pipe 5-12-3	J Lower (4)
2	1	CHERRY CREST 15 (S) Mrs M Dickinson 5-11-12	—
6	0	FRAMPTON HOUSE 14 W Charles 5-11-10	—
10	0	PETFORD JACK 28 R Juckes 6-11-10	—
12		ROUGH HILL R Francis 6-11-10	Mr D Barlow (7)
13	0	SAM LYLES 14 Miss B Sykes 5-11-10	J D Davies (4)
14		SPACE PEARL M Scudamore 5-11-10	J Brown (7)
15		ST TYRNOG E Owen Junr 6-11-10	—
20	3	VELDA 26 J L Harris 5-11-5	Vicki Harris (7)
21		ARENISCO B Preece 4-11-2	P Millar (7)
22		LOCKHART FLAWSE A W Jones 4-11-2	—
33		ANNABEN T Caldwell 4-10-11	P Caldwell (7)
34		BELLAGIO QUEEN C Bridgett 4-10-11	Mr C Bridgett
36	0	EVITA WAY 46 J Carden 4-10-11	Miss C Carden (7)
37		FINANCIAL WIZARD (H) K Bridgwater 4-10-11	K Ryan (7)
38	3	GRAYROSE DOUBLE 15 E Owen Jnr 4-10-11	D Skyrme (7)
39	0	HAVRIN PRINCESS 31 B McMahon 4-10-11	Mr A Hambly
41	00	MISS GIGGLES 14 A Hambly 4-10-11	Mr A Hambly

Evens Cherry Crest, 5-2 Sand Key, 6-1 Velda, 10-1 Grayrose Double, 12-1 Space Pearl, 16-1 others.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: M Pipe, 6 winners from 10 runners, 60.0%; M Scudamore, 5 from 23, 21.7%; R Fisher, 16 from 87, 18.4%; J Edwards, 10 from 56, 17.9%; Mrs W Sykes, 8 from 45, 17.8%; J Spearing, 5 from 37, 13.5%.

JOCKEYS: G Bradley, 6 winners from 23 rides, 26.1%; P Warner, 10 from 52, 19.2%; S Morshead, 14 from 76, 18.7%; M Brisbourne 6 from 51, 11.8%; R Crank, 15 from 131, 11.5%. (Only qualifiers).

Yesterday's results

Doncaster

Going: soft

2.45 (1m 2f 50yd) 1, MEZIARA (Jane Southall, 33-1); 2, Joli Wasfi (Yvonne Haynes, 12-1); 3, Fred The Tread (Kelly Marks, 33-1); 4, Golden Fancy (Mr J Osborne, 7 jt-fav). ALSO RAN: 7 jt-fav Agnes, Plynor, 9 Knights Secret, 10 Oryx Minor, 14 Run By Jove, 16 Prince Georgetown, Seclusive, River Gambler, Loud Landing, Court Town, 25 Rapid Lad, Final Alma, 33 Fairgeat Close, Stangrave, The Fink Sisters, Paternoster Row, Top Row, Compactor (6th), Icen (5th), Rustic Track, Pronuptia Bride, Annie Ra, Taristeac. 27 ran. NR: Duelling. 1½l, hd, hd, 7l, 2½l. D Tucker at Cullompton. Tote: £93.40; £6.70, £2.60, £14.80, £2.90. DF (winner or second with any other horse): £3.40. CSF: £347.15. Tricast: £11,200.32. 2 min 32.43 sec.

3.15 (1m) 1, SHEER NECTAR (J Williams, 11-1); 2, Lady La Paz (Kim Tinkler, 12-1); 3, Foot Patrol (N Adams, 16-1); 4, Welsh Medley (D J Williams, 11-1). ALSO RAN: 10 fav Samhaan, 11 Verbarium, 12 John Gilpin, 14 King Of Speed, 14 Beechwood Cottage, Qualitairess, 16 Pulham Mills, Carribean Sound, Cheerful Times (5th), 20 Final Selection, Palmion, Qualitair King, Hinckley Lane, No Jazz, 25 Taj Singh, 33 Keep Tapping, Spigot Shaft, Bwana Kali, Mr Kewmill, Manabel, Stromberg. 25 ran. 1½l, 1½l, ¾l, 2l, sh hd. G Balding at Weyhill. Tote: £12.50; £2.90, £2.50, £5.40, £2.30. DF: £288.70. CSF: £126.97. Tricast: £1,916.31. 1 min 55.27 sec.

3.45 (2m 2f) 1, IBN MAJED (A Proud, 7-1); 2, Tresidder (Pat Eddery, 9-2 fav); 3, Miller's Tale (G O'Gorman, 16-1); 4, Carousel Rocket (D McKeown, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Pearl Run, 9 Accuracy, 10 Alarm Call, 12 Fedra, Super Grass, 14 Bushido, 16 Nikoola Eve, Ace Of Spies (5th), 20 Guessing, 25 Jackdaw, Miami in Spring, 25 Leprechaun Lady, 33 Alcazzam, 50 Foche. 18 ran. 2l, 10l, nk, nk, 4l. C Spares at Aslockton. Tote: £6.60; £1.40, £1.40, £4.20, £12.20. DF: £34.30. CSF: £38.47. Tricast: £469.45. After a stewards' inquiry Leprechaun Lady who finished second was disqualified and placed last.

Placepot: £17.85

● Remainder of meeting abandoned - high winds

Newbury

Going: heavy

2.0 (2m 4f 120yd hdle) 1, BALLYHANE (R Rowe, 15-8 fav); 2, Myneh Key (A Mulholland, 9-2); 3, No Politics (Mr M Armytage, 9-1). ALSO RAN: 6 Shah's Choice (4th), 8 Judgment Day (pu), 12 Billy's Bridge (f), 20 My Kiksiong (pu), Natyspour (ur), Seal Prince (6th), Rubienne (5th), 33 Bluddens Wood (pu), Shanipour (pu), Twice As Fresh (pu), Underesves (pu). 14 ran. NR: Smithy Bear, Swift Guide, Great Gander. 2l, dist, 1½l, 10l, dist. J Gifford at Findon. Tote: £2.50; £1.30, £1.90, £2.20. DF: £3.50. CSF: £10.87.

Jackpot: £3.28. Placepot: 55p.

● *Remainder of meeting abandoned — high winds.*

Ludlow

Going: soft

2.30 (3m ch) 1, DYLAN'S PRIDE (P Nicholls, 6-4 fav); 2, Trout Angler (E Waite, 12-1); 3, Tophatter (B Powell, 8-1); 4, Aquilifer (C Brown, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 8 Princess Isis, 9 Swift Retort (f), 10 Rock Candy (f), 12 Indian Range, 16 Ling, 20 Spartan Native, 33 Yellow Stag, Tiger Ted (pu), Cantabile (ur), Little Mynd (pu), Come On Sonny (6th), Mr Pinkerton (5th). 16 ran. Nk, ½l, 1½l, 10l, ¾l. D Barons at Kingsbridge. Tote: £3.40; £1.80, £3.20, £1.10, £1.80. DF: £42.50. CSF: £20.85. Tricast: £107.12.

3.0 (2m hdle) 1, NORTHERN GAMBLER (G Landau, 3-1); 2, Danny's Luck (P Nicholls, 5-1); 3, Sunset Valley (H Davies, 7-4 fav). ALSO RAN: 14 I'm Somebody, Knights Grove (f), 25 Cornish Spring, Kessie-Bee, Rustys Special, 33 Fib (f), 50 Sir Wager, Wraldn Bound, Space Kate, Carngeen Castle, Cherry Brave (4th), Finoarr (pu), King Sear. 16 ran. NR: Pride Hill, Rappahannock. 20l, 8l, 4l, ¾l, 3l. S Mellor at Lambourn. Tote: £3.40; £1.80, £1.80, £1.50. DF: £10.60. CSF: £16.30.

Placepot: 60p.

● *Remainder of meeting abandoned — high winds.*

Blinkered first time

DONCASTER: 2.30 Concordess; 4.10 Musical Bells; 5.10 Toukshad.

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS: All engagements (dead): Tam, Morgan's Treasure, Lucky Chris, Coded Message, Raffles Rogue, Shumard, Kept On Ice, Pontyates, Happy Hero, Mubah, Metman; Kendawgyl, Rancho Barnardo, Ferrous, Doubly Smart, Reefermin, Portia's Last, Sinandoo, Two Counties, Shravokes, Beautiful Sound, Shinywood.

Ibn Majed in mood for Aintree

Ibn Majed, who is under orders for the Sanderman Aintree Hurdle on Grand National day, gave a remarkable performance to win yesterday's Doncaster Town Plate.

The winner of six hurdle races in the past two season, Ibn Majed was chased from the start of the 2¼-mile race by Leprechaun Lady.

It developed into a tremendous duel but Ibn Majed was not to be denied and forged clear in the final furlong to win by a couple of lengths for his first win on the Flat. The favourite, Tresidder, was 10 lengths further away third.

John Lowe, who partnered Leprechaun Lady, forgot to weigh-in for the first time in 18 years and, following an objection by the clerk of the scales, the mare was disqualified. Lowe was fined £150

Spares said: "Ibn Majed is still immature but I honestly believe this horse, whom I bought here at Doncaster 2½ years ago for only 2,500 guineas, could one day develop into a Cheltenham Gold Cup candidate. The only problem I have with him is that he suffers a little back trouble."

Toby Balding, who has enjoyed such a successful run under National Hunt rules, scored with his first 1987 Flat runner, Sheer Nectar. He landed the Associated Promotions Handicap by 1½ lengths from Lady La Paz

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GOLF

Caddies made redundant as winners stick to the spirit

By Patricia Davies

Ian Mosey and Warren Humphreys did not have caddies or use yardages but they allowed themselves the luxury of a car back to the clubhouse when they beat Gillian Stewart and David Huish by three and two yesterday to win the 46th Sunningdale Open Foursomes.

"We decided to play in the true spirit of the event," said Humphreys, like Mosey an experienced European Tour professional. "We carried our own clubs and judged distance by eye instead of pacing. We enjoyed ourselves immensely."

In fierce gusting winds, which made mature trees crack and split, and with the occasional hail-laden rain squall for variety, Mosey and Humphreys reckoned they were level par for the 16 holes played on the Old Course in the afternoon. They won the first three holes, with Miss Stewart and Huish taking three putts on the second and third and were still three up at the turn.

Miss Stewart, fourth on the WPGA order of merit last year, missed a three-foot putt at the 11th to go four down but she and Huish, the North Berwick club professional, won the 12th and 14th where they had strokes to cut the deficit to two.

The 15th was halved in par threes and at the next, where Miss Stewart hit a weak, tired drive, Mosey set himself up in his characteristic robotic fashion and drilled a match-winning two iron to within 15 feet of the pin.

Humphreys was a young amateur when he first won this title, with John Davies, in 1968 and he joked: "Everybody will think it was my father when they look back at that."

Huish and Miss Stewart, the first mixed partnership to reach the finals for four years, admitted they were tired in the afternoon after being taken to the 18th by Carl Mason and Andrew Chandler in the morning, when conditions were probably even worse than they were later.

Mosey and Humphreys had a longer lunchbreak, having beaten Graham Coombe and Neil Holman by five and four and seemed to revel in a relaxed but competitive atmosphere.

"They did not know how much money they were playing for and what is more they did not care. "It's the whole feel of this event that's important," said Humphreys. "The fact that you can have any combination of partnership, male or female, professional or amateur, and I wish we'd been playing in it regularly for the last 10 years.

SEMI-FINALS: Miss G Stewart (Claremont) and D Huish (North Berwick) bt C Mason (Woking Motors) and A Chandler (Mere), 1 hole; I Mosey and W Humphreys (unatt) bt G Coombe (Worlebury) and N Holman (Burnham and Berrow), 5 and 4. **FINAL:** Mosey and Humphreys bt Miss Stewart and Huish, 3 and 2.

● SINGAPORE (AFP) — Taiwan veteran Kuo Chie Shiung broke clear from a pack of four front runners to take the sole lead after the second round of the Singapore Open here yesterday.

LEADING SCORES: 132: K Chie Shiung (Taiwan), 66, 66. 134: J Hallet (US), 68, 66. 135: J Maggert (US), 68, 67. 136: S Sheng San (Taiwan), 66, 70; P Fowler (Aus), 66, 70.

Gale-force foursomes: Huish and Stewart, the beaten finalists (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

FOOTBALL

Pleat returns home with a team reflecting his beliefs

By Clive White

Irrespective of what happens between now and the middle of May, David Pleat has had a marvellous season; a place in the last four of the Littlewoods Cup, the same, if not better, in the FA Cup and two teams in the top six of the League championship. Whether or not the champagne will be flowing at the season's end, the reunion at Kenilworth Road today is the reason for celebration.

The last time Luton Town and Tottenham Hotspur, Pleat's past and present loves, came face to face at White Hart Lane, in October, it had all the unpleasantness of a court-room divorce. There was no bitterness between the "offspring" — the players — just among the parting "adults", for whom the atmosphere was worsened by an independent tribunal decision which allowed Pleat to take away, for a song, one of Luton's most prized possessions, Mitchell Thomas, their young left back.

Since then Luton have learned to get by without Pleat by behaving just as though he was still there. When Pleat takes his seat in the dug-out this afternoon he will discover that little has changed. Even without the injured Foster and Preece, just two of his many astute signings while at the club, Luton are likely to field 11 players whom Pleat still knows intimately, "right down to what they had for breakfast," as Foster says. Not even Thomas has been replaced via the transfer market.

The new breed, John Moore, and his coach, Ray Harford, saw no reason to disrupt the harmony achieved by Pleat and Trevor Hartley, though perhaps Luton strike a more solemn chord in defence these days. Consequently, Luton, another year older, another year wiser, are doing better than ever in sixth place, which is some 15 or 16 positions better than many people foresaw and only two behind Tottenham. When Pleat left home it seemed likely that Luton would be taken into the protective custody of the second division. "But everyone rallied round. There was a togetherness you only get when you lose someone who was very close to you. If anything we have become more resilient," Peter Nicholas said.

Nicholas had more reason than most to feel vulnerable. His career was not so much at a stand-still more going backwards when, as a £400,000 Arsenal misfit, he agreed to be loaned and eventually sold back to his former club, Crystal Palace. "I used to wake up in the middle of the night in a cold sweat, realizing I'd made a terrible mistake." Suddenly his form, already undermined by two serious injuries while at Arsenal, was further affected by loss of confidence and ambition, which led to him losing the captaincy of Wales and then his place in the international team.

But Pleat saw past the external blemishes back to the player's younger days, when the tenacious Nicholas was known as the player with the tiger in his tackle, and lured him to Luton's den for £155,000, which, given his condition at the time, was a bit of a gamble.

"Pleat made me realize that there was more to the sport than going around kicking people. I'd only ever known the defensive side of the game, but he showed me a way of playing I hadn't known before," Nicholas said.

In direct contrast to another hard man, Graham Roberts, Nicholas sees Pleat as neither weak nor vindictive. Roberts, sold by Pleat to Rangers, has been putting the boot into his former manager this week in a newspaper series in retaliation to Pleat's parting shot that "having kicked a few players in England he (Roberts) was now off to kick a few in Scotland."

Yet Nicholas feels that Pleat may still need a Roberts in his team. Pleat discovered the hard truth about trying to play entertaining football in his earlier days at Luton, when he would field 11 cavaliers and lose 5-4. He now knows you need one or two ironsides in there as well. Nicholas, now playing the best football of his life, commented: "He stabilized the Tottenham defence by signing Gough. Now I think he needs to stiffen the midfield, maybe with a younger version of myself. I don't think he'll stick with five men in midfield next season. He's still some way off the finished article."

Nicholas continued: "I bet my house on Hoddle leaving. He's got to go. It's a shame because I think he's the best player in Britain. But Pleat's a team man. He doesn't like too many individuals."

Nicholas expects Tottenham to look different in attack, too. Instead of the lone-gun of 40-goal Clive Allen, Nicholas feels there will be others with finger on a trigger. "Claesen will take time to settle but he's very much Pleat's kind of forward. I think he will buy a big fellah to play up front as well. I would expect him to use a 4-3-1-2 formation eventually." And he added: "I think this season they will go very close to winning the title

Pleat spent nine painstaking years at Luton, building an attractive side which was never likely to win anything other than friends. Now, in a little over nine months, he has put together a team of immense beauty and power which, until recently, stood on the threshold of three titles. Whatever happens to his dreams this season, at least Pleat knows he is no longer living in a fantasy world.

TODAY'S TEAMS

Arsenal v Everton

Everton include Storer, who scored twice for the reserves in midweek, in their squad but should be unchanged. Arsenal recall Anderson, Rocastle and Williams.

A Villa v Coventry

Thompson, Hunt and Gray hope to shake off injuries for Villa who have Evans back in the squad. Kilcline and McGrath are hoping to be fit for Coventry.

Leicester v Man City

Langley makes his debut for City. Clements is suspended. Redmond moves back into defence and Grealish is dropped. Brightwell and Reid are included in the squad. Leicester include new signings, Buckley and Russell, in their squad.

L'pool v Wimbledon

McMahon is fit again for Liverpool but Molby will need a test on a foot injury. Wimbledon, already without Downes, may have to find a replacement for Sanchez, too. Wise and Morris are standing by for a recall. Fairweather, who scored the winning goal against Coventry in midweek, has a test on his toe injury.

Luton v Tottenham

Hill is doubtful for Luton with a calf injury. McDonough is in reserve. Mark Stein and Black have been added to the squad. Tottenham have added Claesen and Ruddock to their squad.

Man Utd v Nottm F

A calf injury rules out Strachan for United and Whiteside (knee) and Moran (ankle) are doubtful. Walsh returns in place of Bailey, and Moses and Albiston are also back. Wood makes his first full League appearance as partner to Stapleton. Wilkinson makes a prompt debut for Forest because Carr has a hamstring injury, as does Webb.

Newcastle v Soton

Southampton are without Clarke and Hobson because of injury. Newcastle are unchanged.

Oxford v Sheff Wed

Wednesday, chasing their third consecutive victory after a run of 10 without any, have May back after injury.

QPR v Norwich

Norwich hope to stretch their unbeaten League run to 15 and Bruce his unbroken run of appearances to 100. Chivers, out for over a month, returns to the Rangers squad.

W Ham v Watford

McQueen, signed before the start of the season by West Ham, may make his debut because Stewart is struggling with a hamstring injury. Pike is still suffering with a virus and Robson is also unwell. Potts is recalled to the squad after an absence of three months. Watford, without Barnes because of a calf injury, have Jackett back after a month's absence.

Warrington eager to atone

Non-League football

By Paul Newman

Warrington Town take a 2-0 lead to Collier Row today for the second leg of their FA Vase semi-final hoping to make up for their disappointment of 12 months ago.

At this stage of last year's competition the North West Counties League club went out after a replay against Halesowen Town, the eventual winners. They have been determined to make amends this season and have scored 17 goals in six successive Vase victories.

Collier Row, who are expecting a club record crowd of 1,500, also have an impressive Vase record, having reached the last eight and last 16 in their only campaigns. The Vauxhall-Opel League side were on the defensive for most of last week's first leg, but have earned a reputation for making spirited cup come-backs. Both teams are at full strength.

In today's other tie Emley (Northern Counties Eastern League) should go through to their first Vase final after their 1-0 victory last week away to Warrington's North West Counties League neighbours, St Helens Town.

BASKETBALL

Jones in England squad

Jeff Jones, who has recently qualified as an English player with FIBA (Federation International Basketball), is the only uncapped player in the 12-man squad announced yesterday by David Titmuss, the England coach for the forthcoming internationals (Nicholas Harling writes).

Jones, a point guard, is one of four players from Sharp Manchester United in the squad. Another is Tony Balogun, who is still recovering fitness after sustaining injuries in the recent National Championship quarter-final play-off with Bracknell. Among the quartet from the HFS Portsmouth is Karl Tatham, who regains the captaincy from Paul Stimpson.

England compete in the British Isles Championship from April 18 to 22, and visit West Germany for two internationals on April 25 and 26.

ENGLAND SQUAD: K Tatham, J Moore, M Spad, C Irish (all Portsmouth), R Peers, J Jones, A Balogun, D Gardner (all Manchester United), P Stimpson, M Bett (both BCP London), K Scott (Kingston), P Scantlebury (Bracknell).

EQUESTRIANISM

Wily Trout rises to the occasion

By Jenny MacArthur

Christopher Bartle dispelled doubts over the fitness of 19 year old Wily Trout yesterday when, in an unprecedented family victory, he tied for first place with his sister Jane Bartle-Wilson on Pinocchio in the Grand Prix at the Dressage Selection Trials held at Stoneleigh, Warwickshire.

Both riders now look certain to be in the team for this year's European Championships at Goodwood from July 8 to 12 — the short list for which will be announced on Monday.

Others with strong claims to be on it include Diana Mason and Prince Consort, who finished third after a relaxed and attractively ridden test, and Dane Rawlins, who caused the biggest surprise by taking fourth place on The Optimist.

For Wily Trout it was his first competition since a disappointing performance at the World Championships in Canada last August but Bartle feels the old horse is going as well as ever.

GRAND PRIX RESULT: =1, Pinocchio (J Bartle-Wilson) and Wily Trout (C Bartle), 544; 3, Prince Consort (D Mason), 518; 4, The Optimist (D Rawlins), 510; 5, Florida Flash (F Rudge), 503.

● Lucinda Green, Ian Stark and Lorna Clarke are among the top three day event riders having a final pre-Badminton outing at the Croft Original Belton Park Horse Trials in Lincolnshire this weekend.

● The Brockenhurst Park horse trials, due to be held today, have been cancelled because of bad weather.

NEWBURY

Selections

By Mandarin

1.45 Pegwell Bay.
2.15 Juven Light.
2.50 Ethels Course.
3.20 Contradeal.
3.50 Arastou.
4.20 Imadyna.
4.50 Yiragan.
5.20 Over The Counter.

Michael Seely's selection: 2.15 HIGH PLAINS (nap).

Going: heavy

1.45 STEEL PLATE & SECTIONS YOUNG CHASERS QUALIFIER

(Novices' chase: £2,450: 2m 160yd) (13 runners)

BBC 1

102	F0110U	KITTINGER 19 (S) (H J Joel) A Turnell 6-11-7	Steve Knight	83
103	PP201F	LIFE GUARD 14 (F,G,S) (J Joseph) D Elsworth 6-11-7	P Scudamore	78
104	P-P0231	MR KEY 11 (S) (Mrs E McManus) D Murray Smith 6-11-7	P Croucher	81
105	13-241U	PEGWELL BAY 19 (BF,G) (Maj A Barlow) T Forster 6-11-7	H Davies	88
106	P-000U1	RED DUSTER 10 (G,S) (D Sprackland) P Bailey 7-11-7	R Stronge	75
107	03132F	BLUECHER 11 (F,S) (J Stringer) D Grissell 6-11-3	Mr T Grantham	● 99
108	2P3F04	DAVY'S WEIR 14 (Mrs R Lacy) J Gifford 7-11-3	R Rowe	80
110	0P/0-30	NEARLY A PINE 137 (BF,G) (Mrs D Huse) P Jones 7-11-3	M Kinane	—
111	0P0F01	OULA OWL 12 (S) (Mrs M Spreckley) K Nory 7-11-3	M Richards	81
113	F0F0110	RUSTY ROC 49 (S) (M Davies) M Davies 6-11-3	G Davies	—
114	3	SMART TAR 12 (Mrs E Courage) M Wilkinson 6-11-3	R Dunwoody	88
116	4F-0000	TRIBAL DRUM 31 (S) (Mrs G McFerran) I Dudgeon 8-11-3	B Powell	70
117	P-30F0P	KELLY'S MAID 25 (R Belasco) J Webber 7-10-12	G Mernagh	83

BETTING: 11-4 Pegwell Bay, 4-1 Mr Key, 5-1 Oula Owl, 7-1 Bluecher, 8-1 Life Guard, Kittinger, 10-1 Red Duster, Davy's Weir, 14-1 Rusty Roc, 16-1 others.

1986: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM PEGWELL BAY (11-2), unseated rider last time, previously beat Ross Fandango (11-8) 4l, with TRIBAL DRUM (11-2) back in 6th, at Warwick (2m, £2390, good, Feb 25, 17 ran). RED DUSTER (11-4) beat Jimmy Edwards (11-8) a length at Newton Abbot (2m, £2644, good to soft, Mar 16, 13 ran).
BLUECHER (11-4) was not disgraced on penultimate start when a neck 2nd to Tasios (11-4) at Ascot (2m, £8158, good, Feb 11, 7 ran).
DAVY'S WEIR (11-3) 30l 4th to Long Engagement (11-3) with LIFE GUARD (11-3) a 3rd fence faller at Sandown (2m, £3012, good, Mar 14, 9 ran).

LIFE GUARD (11-4) previously beat MR KEY (11-4) ½l at Wincanton (2m, £1781, good to soft, Feb 26, 13 ran).

MR KEY (11-8) was not extended to beat More One Way (12-2) 12l at Plumpton (2m, £1682, good to soft, Mar 17, 19 ran).

OULA OWL (11-1) overcame a serious last-fence blunder to beat Bright Sherriff (11-1) 6l with SMART TAR (11-1) another 7l back in 3rd at Southwell (2m, £1449, soft, Mar 15, 14 ran).
Selection: PEGWELL BAY

2.15 SCHWEPPES HANDICAP HURDLE (£6,711: 2m 100yd) (11 runners)

BBC 1

201	02P-1	SABIN DU LOIR 124 (S) (B Kilpatrick) D Murray Smith 8-11-10	C Brown	90
202	041200	RA NOVA 11 (CD,F,G,S) (Lady Matthews) I Matthews 8-11-9	M Perrett	● 99
205	0-10F14	JUVEN LIGHT 43 (CD,S) (R Dilley) R Akehurst 6-11-1	S Smith Eccles	95
206	134003	TIMELY STAR 14 (S) (B Smith) Mrs J Pitman 6-10-9	M Pitman	95
207	1123-40	BRUNICO 11 (G,S) (T Ramsden) R Simpson 5-10-5	G McCourt	92
208	01104	HIGH PLAINS 11 (S) (H Mould) D Nicholson 5-10-0	R Dunwoody	92
209	000-030	TERRYASH 14 (G,S) (Pipeline Constructors Ltd) J Francome 8-10-0	S Sherwood	94
212	0-40313	SANTOPADRE 9 (G,S) (T Ramsden) R Simpson 5-10-0	D Gallagher (7)	98
214	000310	GALLANT BUCK 10 (B,CD,S) (J Stott) D Elsworth 7-10-0	P Scudamore	85
215	2102/P0	CUT A DASH 47 (G,S) (D Larke) Mrs N Smith 8-10-0	R Rowe	—
217	832003	JIMMY LORENZO 23 (BF,S) (J De Mestre) P Hedger 5-10-0	I Shoemark (7)	72

BETTING: 3-1 Sabin du Loir, 4-1 Brunico, 5-1 Juven Light, 6-1 High Plains, 8-1 Santopadre, Timely Star, 10-1 Ra Nova, 14-1 Gallant Buck, 16-1 others.

1986: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM SABIN DU LOIR, lightly raced since brilliant juvenile career, was impressive 20l winner from Tugboat (11-5) at Wolverhampton (2m 6f, £2685, good to soft, Nov 24, 5 ran) on reappearance this season (10-12).

RA NOVA, behind in Champion Hurdle last time, previously (11-1) a length 2nd to Nohalmdun (12-0) at Haydock (2m, £5425, good to soft, Jan 24, 5 ran).
JUVEN LIGHT failed to make all over 2m 4f here last time; previously (10-9) employed same tactics successfully over this trip at the January meeting to beat Saffron Lord (10-11) 3l (£4947, good to soft, 10 ran).

BRUNICO, runner-up in last year's Triumph Hurdle, was tailed off in this year's Champion on latest start; previously (11-1), on seasonal debut, was moderate 16½l 4th to Bel Course (10-0) at Doncaster (2m 150yd, £3173, good to soft, Mar 2, 6 ran).
TERRYASH, below form last time, previously (11-11) beaten a head and a short head into 3rd behind Redgrave Artist (11-1) at Windsor (2m 30yd, £1361, good to soft, Feb 21, 26 ran).
SANTOPADRE, improving, last time out (10-0) finished just over 4l 3rd to Neblin (11-7) at Cheltenham (2m, £12809, good to soft, Mar 19, 24 ran).
Selection: SANTOPADRE

2.50 HOECHST PANACUR EBF MARES ONLY NOVICE HURDLE FINAL

(Limited handicap: £7,014: 2m 4f 120yd) (19 runners)

BBC 1

302	100102	ANAGMOR'S DAUGHTER 24 (BF,S) (A Raison) K Bishop 6-11-12	J Frost	87
303	011030	RUBY FLIGHT 31 (S) (R Eckley) R Eckley 5-11-6	Mr M Price (7)	86
305	222-12P	TSARELLA 29 (S) (Mrs C Henty) N Henderson 5-11-1	S Smith Eccles	90
309	U3403	ONLY TROUBLE 24 (T Houlbrooke) T Houlbrooke 6-10-11	S Sherwood	87
310	330231	KUTATI'S BELLE 23 (F,G) (Southern Racing Ltd) D Barons 6-10-11	P Nicholls	93
311	1	ETHELS COURSE 24 (S) (Lt-Col D Pain) D Moffatt 5-10-10	P Scudamore	90
312	0002	SHULL RUN 52 (Mrs D Foster) T Foster 5-10-10	L Harvey (4)	89
313	03-2100	MISTY SUNSET 52 (F) (R Murray) Mrs M Rimell 7-10-9	J Bryan	91
314	240222	LIZZY LONGSTOCKING 16 (Miss L Wonnacott) Mrs J Wonnacott 5-10-8	D Wonnacott	91
315	3302	TREBLE CHANCE 69 (M Bryant) S Woodman 5-10-6	R Dunwoody	85
316	230223	GREAT AUNT SALLY 44 (L Phipps) T Bailey 6-10-5	Peter Hobbs	89
317	1P	FREE TRAVEL 24 (S) (J Sumner) T Forster 5-10-4	H Davies	91
318	03-0P4	H AND K HATTRICK 7 (E Kirtland) D Gandolfo 6-10-0	M Williams	96
319	BF0020	ANNA'S MITE 30 (S) (J Blakeney) R Blakeney 8-10-0	Judy Blakeney (7)	92
321	P00	LARCHWOOD 24 (Mrs Z Clark) S Christian 6-10-0	R Beggan	85
322	300	CAPE MANTON 24 (A Smith) R Holder 6-10-0	P Murphy	87
323	004000	PORCHESTER RUN 39 (BF) (N Uglow) J Webber 5-10-0	G Mernagh	● 99
324	0-03000	CROGHAN STAR 18 (F Lees) F C Lees 6-10-0	—	95
325	0-00000	ALLEZ 24 (M Rust) N Chamberlain 5-10-0	J J Quinn	76

BETTING: 4-1 Kutati's Belle, 9-2 Free Travel, 11-2 Tsarella, 7-1 Ethels Course, Porchester Run, 8-1 Anagmor's Daughter, 10-1 Shull Run, Ruby Flight, 12-1 Lizzy Longstocking, 14-1 others.

1986: ATRABATES 6-11-7 C Cox (7-1) O Sherwood 19 ran

FORM ANAGMOR'S DAUGHTER (11-7) finished a length 2nd to Keeley Louise (10-7) at Worcester (2m 4f, £1984, heavy, Mar 4, 24 ran), with ONLY TROUBLE (10-7) finished 4l back in 3rd, LARCHWOOD (10-7) 8th, CAPE MANTON (10-7) 9th and FREE TRAVEL (11-0) pulled up.
TSARELLA, pulled up last time, previously (11-5) 5l 2nd to Bars Peg (10-12) at Huntingdon (2m 5f 50yd, £1443, good to soft, Nov 25, 14 ran) with CROGHAN STAR (10-12) 5l farther back in 3rd and PORCHESTER RUN (10-12) another 15l away 4th.
MISTY SUNSET below form since (10-9) a 25l victory over East Park (11-0) on fast ground at Bangor (2m 4f, £749, Oct 18, 12 ran).

PORCHESTER RUN ran well penultimate start when (10-9) just over 14l 5th to the useful City Entertainer (11-8) here (3m 120yd, £4002, good to soft, Jan 3, 20 ran).
Selection: PORCHESTER RUN

3.20 BROWN CHAMBERLIN HANDICAP CHASE (£5,371: 3m) (4 runners)

403	224320	MR MOONRAKER 9 (B,C,G,S) (Mrs P Blackburn) L Kennard 10-11-7	B Powell	96
405	120F-43	CONTRADEAL 14 (D,G,S) (V Barclay) F Walwyn 10-11-0	S Shilston	● 99
407	F02419	CATCH PHRASE 9 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (K Carr) J Gifford 9-10-11	R Rowe	96
413	FP-0430	CASTLE ANDREA 29 (D Jeffries) D Jeffries 9-10-0	—	58

BETTING: 7-4 Contradeal, 2-1 Catch Phrase, 9-4 Mr Moonraker, 33-1 Castle Andrea.

1986: WEST TIP 9-11-7 R Dunwoody (5-2 fav) M Oliver 9 ran

3.50 NEWBURY SPRING HANDICAP HURDLE (4-Y-O: £5,999: 2m 100yd) (12 runners)

502	12	INDIAN ORATOR 14 (BF,S) (C Sutton) R Akehurst 11-7	Dale McKeown (4)	82
503	42030	ANYTHING BETTER 9 (Lady Harris) G Balding 11-6	S Moore	92
505	00222	SHIRLSTAR TAXSAVER 16 (B,BF) (Sir B Slade) D Elsworth 11-4	B Powell	90
508	312221	PAT'S JESTER 12 (S) (R Adam Ltd) R Allan 11-1	N Doughty	90
510	100	ADMIRALS ALL 14 (S) (Mrs H Price) F Winter 10-13	P Scudamore	98
511	014P2	STATE JESTER 22 (G) (E Barber) W Essy 10-11	J J Quinn	92
513	424	KING RETAIN 46 (BF) (L Thwaites) F Walwyn 10-9	K Mooney	89
515	21P000	BRENT RIVERSIDE 14 (F) (S Mason) G Balding 10-7	R Guest (4)	94
517	0120	ARASTOU 33 (G) (L Murphy) J Francome 10-5	M Dwyer	92
518	0312	SOHAIL 8 (S) (Mrs E Gibbins) C Holmes 10-4	K Burke (4)	● 99
520	404140	TURN FOR TH'BETTER 4 (G) (M Hallsworth) J Fitch-Heyes 10-2	NON-RUNNER	—
523	000122	BRIDE 11 (S) (J Clark) P Butler 10-0	—	97

BETTING: 3-1 Sohail, 4-1 Admirals All, 5-1 Pat's Jester, Shirlstar Taxsaver, 7-1 Anything Better, 9-1 King Retain, 12-1 Arastou, 14-1 others.

1986: MY DOMINION 10-9 J Lower (7-1) M Pipe 23 ran

4.20 MARCH NOVICE HURDLE (£2,281: 2m 100yd) (21 runners)

601	0/00	ACCLAIM 14 (J Henderson) N Henderson 7-11-0	S Smith Eccles	—
602	34-02	ALLIED GLASGOW 19 (J Joseph) R Frost 5-11-0	J Frost	77
610	0	CELTIC SPRING 16 (G Small) G Small 6-11-0	—	—
615	000	DANISH CHIEF 36 (H J Joel) A Turnell 6-11-0	Steve Knight	—
616	4	DANISH FOLLY 43 (E Thorbek) N Henderson 5-11-0	J White	—
619	4P-F20	DETROIT SAM 29 (BF) (A Sofroniou) D Arbuthnot 6-11-0	S McNeill	85
623	0-0000	HANSEL'S RUN 16 (P Hannen) Miss E Sneyd 6-11-0	—	67
626	40	HIGH PERFORMANCE 15 (T Ludlow) F Winter 5-11-0	P Scudamore	83
627	0	HJANI 15 (G Walsh-Waring) G Prest 6-11-0	P Croucher	—
628	F2	IMADYNA 8 (Southern Racing Ltd) D Barons 5-11-0	P Nicholls	● 99
635	F000	LOSS ADJUSTER 63 (J Huckle) C Trietline 5-11-0	—	85
640	F0000/P-	PRESENT VALUE 321 (R Robinson) R Robinson 7-11-0	DOUBTFUL	—
647	00	SOME SPARE 16 (Mrs D Hickman) R Dickin 8-11-0	H Davies	68
648	002	SPRINGHOLM 19 (Brig C Harvey) D Nicholson 5-11-0	R Dunwoody	78
652	022	THE BAKEWELL BOY 92 (BF) (N Lake) R Frost 5-11-0	—	91
654		WAAFI (M Ingram) Mrs N Smith 5-11-0	S Sherwood	—
657		ARCLID GIRL 19 (Mrs T Harvey) F Harvey 5-10-9	J Tuite (7)	68
658	00-00P0	C B M GIRL 7 (T Price) T Price 6-10-9	—	71
660	0	DUSTY CHIMES 40 (H Reynolds) Mrs I McKie 5-10-9	—	—
661	0042-	EXALTED DAWN 382 (Mrs S Spreadbury) G Doidge 5-10-9	C Hopwood (7)	—
665	0U-	HONEY GAMBLE 316 (Mrs S Wakely) P Wakely 8-10-9	—	—

BETTING: 11-4 Imadyna, 4-1 Allied Glasgow, 11-2 Detroit Sam, 6-1 High Performance, The Bakewell Boy, 10-1 Loss Adjuster, Springholm, 14-1 Acclaim, 16-1 Waafi, 20-1 others.

1986: (Div I) BARGE POLE 5-11-7 H Davies (13-8 fav) T Forster 26 Ran.
(Div II) PEGWELL BAY 5-11-7 H Davies 11-4 (jt-fav) T Forster 27 Ran.

4.50 SPRING NH FLAT RACE (Div I: £943: 2m 100yd) (20 runners)

7		DUPES CIGAR (Unity Farm Holiday Centre Ltd) P Hobbs 5-11-8	I Wright (7)	—
8		FORTY YEARS ON (Maj I Straker) N Henderson 5-11-8	Mr R White	—
9	00	HANDBAWN 14 (Mrs H Bare) M McCourt 5-11-8	L Harvey (4)	—
12		JOLLY SOLDIER (O Carter) O Carter 5-11-8	—	—
18		RED RAMBO (A Brewer) F Jordan 5-11-8	Mr R Bellamy (7)	—
23	0	THUNDERWOOD 14 (Envo Hygiene Ltd) R Akehurst 5-11-8	R Guest (4)	—
24	4	YIRAGAN 28 (M Marsh) D Barons 5-11-8	Miss T Davis (4)	—
27	1	GARRISON SAVANNAH 28 (S) (Autotour Engineering) Mrs J Pitman 4-11-7	—	—
28		ASTRAPEN (P Davenport) Mrs M Rimell 5-11-3	M Moggeridge (7)	—
30	3	FIRMITER 14 (G Johnson) N Henderson 5-11-3	Mr J Railton (7)	—
32		MR JERSEY (Mrs T Bulgin) T Bulgin 5-11-3	C Llewellyn (7)	—
34	0	SHADES OF OAK 33 (S Pike) S Pike 5-11-3	—	—
35		TOWERSPITE (Mrs V Teal) Mrs V Teal 5-11-3	Mr R Teal	—
42		CIRENCESTER (C Wright) D Laing 4-11-0	S Woods (7)	—
45		GOODASNEW (C Walker) D Wintle 4-11-0	P Mella (7)	—
52	2	SMILE AGAIN 33 (P Stamp) G Gracey 4-11-0	Miss Z Davison (7)	—
61	40	COME ON FLAN 14 (R Francis) P Davis 4-10-9	N Hawke (7)	—
63		FIREFOX LADY (Mrs F Bowden) R Frost 4-10-9	C Hopwood (7)	—
64		PEARL FLIGHT (R Eckley) R J Eckley 4-10-9	Mr M Price (7)	—
66	0	SISTER-IN-LAW 28 (Mrs P Scott-Dunn) J Webber 4-10-9	Miss J Henry	—

BETTING: 6-4 Garrison Savannah, 7-2 Smile Again, 4-1 Firmiter, 6-1 Come On Flan, 8-1 Forty Years On, 12-1 Thunderwood, 14-1 others.

1986: (Div I) COMANDANTE 4-11-3 E Murphy (4-7 fav) J Gifford 24 ran

5.20 SPRING NH.FLAT RACE (Div II: £943: 2m 100yd) (19 runners)

2		ABAN WAY (Miss U Brander-Dunbar) N Kernick 5-11-8	M Yeoman (7)	—
5		BONANZA REBEL (S Dunster) P Hobbs 5-11-8	I Wright (7)	—
6	2	BORDER KING 14 (Sir G Brunton) D Elsworth 5-11-8	S Conlon (7)	—
14	6	MISCHIEVOUS ALFIE 14 (B Byford) B Byford 5-11-8	Mr M Geary (7)	—
15	4	OVER THE COUNTER 14 (BF) (Cheveley Park Stud) N Henderson 5-11-8	M Bowlby (4)	—
19		ROCKY PIT (Mrs M Sullivan) A Denson 5-11-8	V Smith (7)	—
21		SO WELL (J Bridger) J Bridger 5-11-8	Miss R Bridger (7)	—
29	0-	AWANEEN 486 (Miss S Oliver) Miss S Oliver 6-11-3	W Heys (7)	—
31		GAMBLING LEE (C Popham) C Popham 6-11-3	C Llewellyn (7)	—
33	0	SCARLET DYMOND 33 (S Loughridge) F Hollis 5-11-3	A Rolls (7)	—
38		BALLYBEAMISH (A Wilson) R Armytage 4-11-0	—	—
43		DUAL COMBAT (A Wiseman) D Gandolfo 4-11-0	K Evans (7)	—
44	0	GAMBLING ROYAL 28 (C Roach) C Roach 4-11-0	D Morris (7)	—
46	0	MASTER MUCK 14 (N Davies) N Davies 4-11-0	Miss C Farey (7)	—
49		POPESWOOD (N Hitchens) W Wightman 4-11-0	Mr G Kille (7)	—
53		SPEEDY (R Crellin) R Crellin 4-11-0	—	—
54		STRONG GOLD (T Ramsden) Mrs J Pitman 4-11-0	—	—
62	0	FINE KATE 33 (Mrs M Hartland) A J Wilson 4-10-9	B Dowling (4)	—
68		WILD BUTTONS (T Fitchett) N Lee-Judson 4-10-9	—	—

BETTING: 11-10 Over The Counter, 5-2 Border King, 6-1 Strong Gold, 12-1 Ballybeamish, 14-1 Awaneen, 16-1 Bonanza Rebel, 20-1 others.

1986: (Div II) SOUTHERNS 4-10-10 E Murphy (14-1) J Gifford 24 ran

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per Cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per Cent
T Forster	18	72	25.0	S Sherwood	12	47	25.5
F Winter	50	212	23.6	P Scudamore	43	218	19.7
D Nicholson	33	172	19.2	H Davies	28	159	17.6
Mrs J Pitman	6	34	17.6	S Smith Eccles	22	138	15.9
N Henderson	19	122	15.6	M Perrett	8	52	15.4
Mrs M Rimell	9	70	12.8	R Rowe	17	161	10.6

RUGBY UNION

Ampleforth possess winning qualities

By Peter Marson

Ampleforth wrote another chapter in the history of the national schools seven-a-side tournament, presented by Diners Club International and Rosslyn Park RFC, at Roehampton yesterday when they beat Monmouth by three goals to two tries to win the Festival tournament for the sixth time.

Ampleforth, who had been runners-up to Millfield in the Open tournament and playing in their sixteenth match over the last four days, possessed those special qualities which have been the hallmarks of all John Willcox's sides.

High winds, which had threatened to carry the Diners Club bus and attendant tent across the Upper Richmond Road, and driving rain had meant an hour's delay earlier before Monmouth did just enough in the first of the group winners' matches in the sixth round against Bedford Modern.

Sherborne did well to run in 22 points against Colfes and Dulwich took their chance to outrun, and outscore, King's Taunton. Marlborough scored three tries to one to beat St George's, Weybridge, and Taunton and Wellington School ousted Haberdashers' Aske's and Downside respectively. Ampleforth overwhelmed Trent, and in the final match in this round, which was also the best, Trent won narrowly against the holders, St Bees.

Monmouth surprised Sherborne in the first quarter-final, winning easily in the end, and Dulwich, scoring three tries to one, beat Marlborough. Wellington School and Taunton both bowed out and Trent lost a pulsating match against Ampleforth.

In the semi-finals, Monmouth played with great spirit to bring down Dulwich, and Ampleforth delighted their many admirers in running past Taunton on their way to the final.

Scorers: Ampleforth: Tries: Booth, Derbyshire, Hartigan. Conversions: Booth (3). Monmouth: Tries: Hazell, Gittings.
AMPLEFORTH: R Whitelaw, P Bingham, N Derbyshire; R Booth; M Winn, J Elliot, P Hartigan.
MONMOUTH: M Hazell; M Bond, S Adey; G Gittings; R D Morgan, J D Ward, A Jarratt.
Referee: R P Jenkins (London).
FESTIVAL TOURNAMENT: Sixth round: Monmouth 8, Bedford 6; Sherborne 22, Colfes 10; Dulwich 22, King's Taunton 6; Marlborough 12, St George's, Weybridge 4; Taunton 12, Haberdashers' Aske's 6; Wellington School 10, Downside 6; Ampleforth 30, Wellington College 0; Trent 10, St Bees 6. Quarter-finals: Monmouth 18, Sherborne 4; Dulwich 8, Marlborough 4; Taunton 18, Wellington School 10; Ampleforth 13, Trent 6. Semi-finals: Monmouth 12, Dulwich 8; Ampleforth 16, Taunton 0. Final: Ampleforth 18, Monmouth 8.
PREPARATORY SCHOOLS TOURNAMENT: Quarter-finals: Oratory 4, Edgarley 0; Ardvreck 30, St Aubyn's 4; Caldicott 20, Wolborough Hill 0; Winchester House 12, Sherborne 4.

RAF sights on third trophy

The inter services championship and the Windsor Life Trophy hang in the balance as the RAF take on the Royal Navy in the last of the inter services tournament matches at Twickenham this afternoon (Peter Marson writes).

The RAF, champions for the last two years, reckon to have the best side for some time, and make only one change to their back row, where Hifel replaces Parsonage.

The Royal Navy are sure to be tough opponents, though, for they have carried all before them on a wave of success.

A chance for youths to display talent

By David Hands

A county championship at under-21 level has already been approved by the Rugby Football Union for next season but on April 1 Iffley Road, Oxford will host a divisional under-21 match between teams representing London and the South-West. The idea is to establish a useful representative stage for young players and embryo coaches and selectors.

Several members of the London team already have first-class club experience, among them the half backs, Rob Glenister (Harlequins) and Carson Russell (Wasps and Anglo-Scots). Jim Staples has played at full back for London Irish and Steve Pilgrim helped Old Reigatians to the fourth round of the John Player Special Cup this season.

LONDON UNDER-21: J Staples (Kent), A Sharp (Eastern Counties), M Sly (Hampshire), S Pilgrim (Surrey), B Holcombe (Kent); C Russell (Herts), R Glenister (Herts). S Eastwood (Kent), R Taylor (Kent), M McCormack (Middlesex), M White (Middlesex), M Harris (Kent), R Clark (Middlesex), G Taylor (Herts), A Robertson (Herts).

● The first team from Paraguay to tour Britain plays its first match tomorrow. Club Universitairo de Rugby Association (CURDA) begin a three-week, six-match tour at Richmond and go on to play Llanharan, Evesham, Caldy, Grangemouth and Sheffield Tigers.

● England colts play their second international of the season against French Youth at the Stade Tonnelle in Tours. The team that beat Italy 22-10 last weekend is re-selected.

● England's re-shaped squad will start their build-up to the international against Scotland with a squad session at the Bank of England Ground, Roehampton, on Sunday.

SNOW REPORTS

SWITZERLAND

Verbier	20	205	good	heavy	fair	rain	10
Good snow above 2,000m							
Wengen	45	140	good	heavy	good	fog	3
New snow above 1,800m							

Because of technical problems at the Ski Club of Great Britain, the service of reports, supplied by their representatives, is restricted. L refers to lower slopes and U to upper, and art to artificial.

SCOTLAND: Cairngorm: upper runs, runs complete, wide snow cover, wet snow; middle runs, runs complete, wide snow cover, wet snow; lower slopes, runs complete, but narrow, wet snow; vertical runs, 1,800ft; hill and main roads clear; snow level, 2,000ft. Glenshee: upper runs, runs complete, very wet snow on a firm base; middle runs, runs complete, very wet snow on a firm base; lower slopes, runs complete, but narrow, very wet snow on a firm base; vertical runs, runs, 1,700ft; hill and main roads clear; snow level, 1,200ft. Lecht: upper runs, runs complete, wide snow cover, wet snow; middle runs, runs complete, wide snow cover, wet snow; lower slopes, ample nursery areas, wet snow; vertical runs, 700ft; hill and main roads clear; snow level 2,000ft. Forecast for today: mainly cloudy with showers or longer periods of snow, heavy at times, with much drifting in severe gale or storm force northerly wind; freezing level, 1,500ft. Outlook for tomorrow: only a slight improvement as wind moderates slowly. Freezing level, 1,000ft.

1,500ft; hill and main roads clear, snow level, 1,500ft. Glencoe (Friday to Monday only): upper runs, runs complete, wide snow cover, wet snow on a firm base; lower slopes, runs complete, wide snow cover, wet snow on a firm base; vertical

● Information supplied by the Scottish Meteorological Office.

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RUGBY LEAGUE

Halifax are the people's choice

By Keith Macklin

It seems that outside their own town boundaries, Widnes have few friends in the world of Rugby League. This, of course, is an exaggeration and distortion of the truth. The Widnes club, players and directors are well renowned for their friendliness and hospitality off the field, but the fact is that no one seems to want them to win this afternoon's second semi-final of the Silk Cut Challenge Cup against Halifax.

These feelings do not stem from a basic dislike of the Widnes style or ability. They arise because the Chemics have made a monopoly out of Wembley cup finals: have been in six of them since 1975.

By contrast, Halifax were last at the great stadium 31 years ago and on that occasion they were beaten by St Helens. The last time Halifax won the cup was just before the second world war, which is why they are the people's choice today.

However, sentiment has never been a major factor on the field of play and despite their mediocre league form, Widnes are a gritty, determined and above all experienced team of cup fighters. They have had a boost with the news that their front row forward, Steve O'Neill, has had his immediate suspension removed. At full back, winning the vote against David Lyon, will be Duncan Platt while Harry Pinner is the forward substitute.

The captain, New Zealand international Kurt Sorenson, is a mighty pack leader, and the back division winger, John Basnett, is among the leading try scorers.

Halifax will field a team largely made up of outstanding Australian players and inspired bargain buys from other clubs, particularly Wigan. They are led and coached by the Australian international, Chris Anderson, who has become one of the outstanding coaches in the league since he was persuaded to take on the job by the imaginative new board of directors which took over at Thrum Hall when the club was on the verge of extinction.

Going purely on objectivity rather than sentiment, I take Halifax to win.

HOCKEY

Hounslow count on experience

By Sydney Friskin

Of the quarter-final matches to be played today in the Hockey Association Cup none arouses more interest than the one at Abbey Park where **Leicester Westleigh** are at home to **Hounslow**, winners of the trophy in 1972 and 1973.

In the Hounslow team are four members of the Great Britain team soon to depart to Ipoh, Malaysia, to play in an international tournament — Pappin, Potter, Grimley and Clift. Bolland and Hazlitt, who are in the Leicester side, are also from the British team.

If experience is much in favour of Hounslow, Mike Hamilton, the Leicester captain, is relying on some of the younger players to tip the balance.

The holders, **Southgate**, again at full strength, are the hosts at the New River Stadium, White Hart Lane, to **Neston** who won the trophy in 1983 and can be expected to put up strong opposition with Ashcroft in goal, Malcolm Wilkinson and Stannard in midfield and Greene and Robbie Smith prominent in attack.

Slough, winners on four occasions, and much in the forefront this season, visit **Olton and West Warwickshire** whose fortifications include the former Welsh international Martin Brough and Benjamin, a fierce striker at short corners. **Teddington** take on **Indian Gymkhana** on the artificial turf pitch at Feltham School where a battle of skill and attrition can be expected. Two years ago in the quarter finals of the Middlesex Cup, Indian Gymkhana ran circles around Teddington for most of the match but Teddington won 1-0. They would not mind a similar pattern today.

Wales could open up championship

By Joyce Whitehead

The England women's hockey team, after a good win at Wembley Stadium against the United States, travel to Gateshead this weekend to play the remaining two home countries, Ireland today and Scotland on Sunday.

Like England, Wales and Scotland have lost players to Great Britain. Scotland lost to Ireland in their last match and are ready to take their revenge today against Wales, who beat England a fortnight ago.

Bearing in mind the runaway goal with which they beat England and that they will be playing at home in Cardiff, Wales could well improve on that performance tomorrow, when they play Ireland, and the championship might then be wide open.

ENGLAND: V Hallam, M Burrows, L Bayliss, S Williams, S Lister (capt), H Brown, R Goodridge, S Howell, J Swinnerton, G Huggon, J Bannister, J Crook, N Dix, C Liddell, J Sixsmith, A Smith.

WALES: S Crowley, R Ellis, J Elms, H Green, A Jones, S Lloyd, S Manley, F McCarthy, M Medlow (capt), H Morgan, K Roderick, C Thomas, H Thomas, S Waters, C Williams, M Williams.

SCOTLAND: D Aitken, M Burns, L Connell, M Coutts, J Dobie, M Duncan, S Fraser, S Henderson, N Kerr, F Lothian, J McLaughlan, M Napier, J Nimmo, C Stirling, G Stewart, A Weir.

Forecast of force five gale give final worries to beleaguered Boat Race crews

Ill winds plague Blues of 1987

By Jim Railton

Cambridge are the favourites for the 133rd Boat Race (12.15) for the inaugural Beefeater Trophy after a most eventful season for both camps: one that may have more nasty surprises in store today, with the forecast being for a fresh force five wind blowing from the north-west – regarded as a "sinker".

That at least promises a titanic struggle against the elements for most of the course by crews that include the tallest, heaviest, oldest, and youngest competitors in its history. Two of those records are claimed by Gavin Stewart, Oxford's stroke, who is 6ft 8½in tall and weighs 16st 7lb. Stewart was only promoted to stroke a week ago and carries an enormous responsibility.

Donald Macdonald, the Oxford president, at 31 years three months, is the oldest ever oarsman and Matthew Brittin, Cambridge's junior international, at 18 years seven months, the youngest.

This year's preparations have also been the most eventful, which has a marked effect on the crews. Oxford started the furore in February when four American internationals and a coxswain walked out of the squad. But Oxford survived the crisis and there will be popular support for today's crew.

Even after the upheaval, poor Oxford continued to have a rough time, culminating in their being convincingly beaten by Imperial College and the Tideway Scullers School. Simply, Oxford were slow.

Macdonald led them into hiding for a few days at Walton-on-Thames and Daniel Topolski, the coach, conjured up a new-look Oxford. Now they are just about in the best order possible with Stewart at stroke backed by Tom Cadoux-Hudson, the classy international at seven and Macdonald in the sixth seat.

Stewart could be Oxford's secret weapon. Last year he was promoted late to stroke Isis, the Oxford reserves and, against all predictions, Cambridge's Goldie were rowed down. If the big Ulsterman is in contact with Cambridge today, the Light Blues can expect an onslaught. But even the canny Topolski has kept Oxford under such tight wraps this week that even he must wonder what his charges can produce today.

Cambridge have also not had a rosy time. While Oxford were busy with their squabbles, Cambridge's preparations were consistently held up by bad weather, injuries, influenza, and finally Jim Pew, the American, and Jim Garman, the British international, contracting chickenpox. That concentrated Alan Inns, the coach's mind wonderfully.

Inns changed two bow oarsmen and then all but one of the stroke side. Now Cambridge are stroked by Paddy Broughton, the cheerful British international, with Garman, Pew, and Stephen Peel, the Cambridge president, completing the engine room.

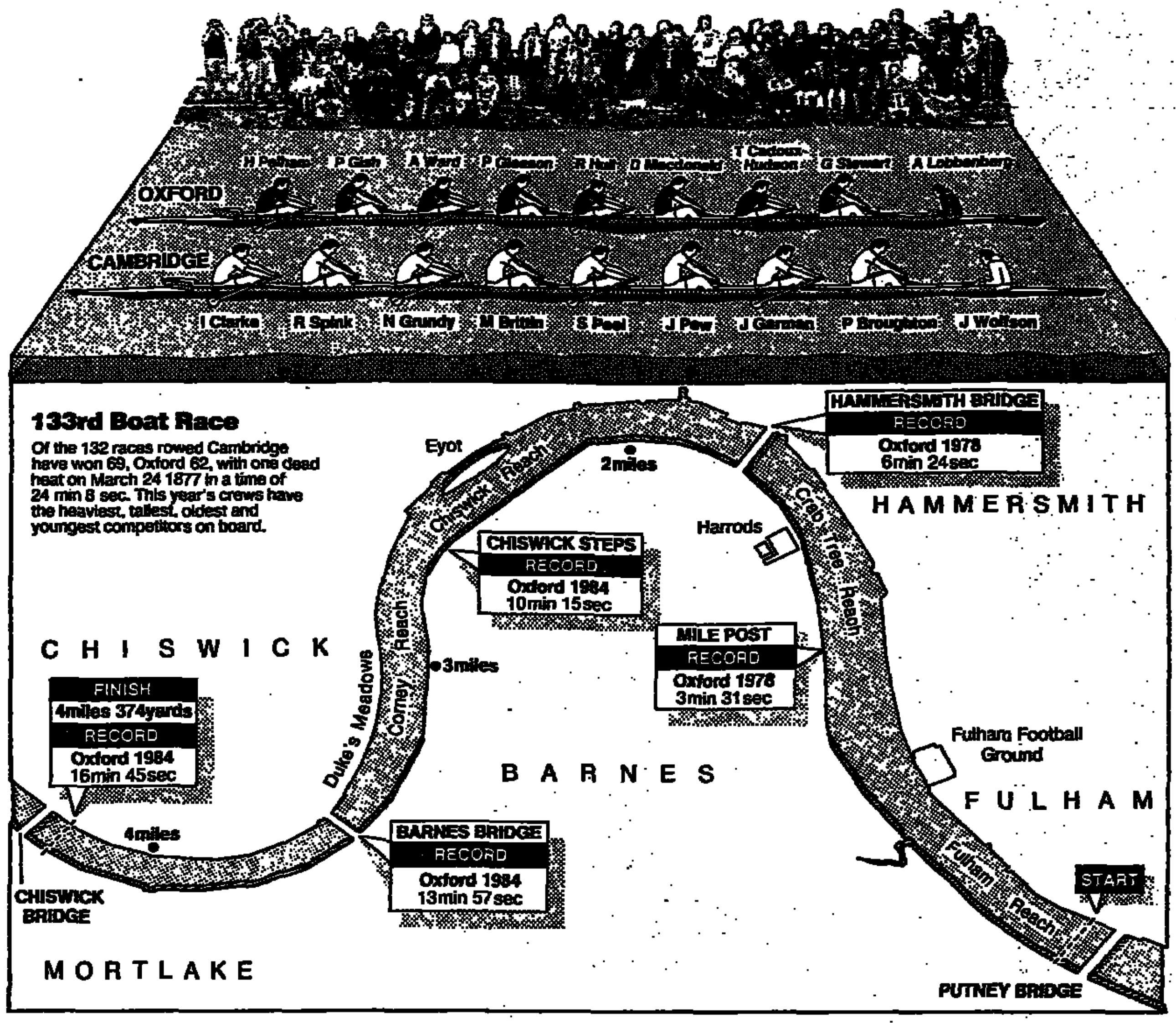
So, Cambridge too are relatively untried and unproven. With neither crew appearing to have a natural stroke, the only skimpy evidence in pulling power seems to be that Cambridge seem to have the edge, judging by the way they held on to the highly-rated Italians.

Cambridge too, have the advantage in experience with four Blues to Oxford's one – Oxford leaving two Blues on board Isis – while Brittin, the talented freshman, is a real find with two junior world silver medals to his credit.

This makes Cambridge favourites today against an Oxford crew of unknown speed and almost half their crew destined to row for Isis before the clash of wills and opinions.

Colin Moynihan, today's umpire, will need to keep a tight rein on the coxswains. Andy Lobbemberg, for Oxford, and Julian Wolfson, for Cambridge, have conflicting ideas on the quickest route. If the north-westerly blows, they may also have some difficult decisions to make just to stay afloat – never mind whether their decisions make or break their crew.

Of the 132 races, Cambridge lead by 69 to 62 with one dead-heat in 1877 when John Phelps, the judge, supposedly said: "Dead heat for Oxford by five yards." To date there have been five sinkings, the last in 1978 when Cambridge went down at Barnes Bridge.



133rd Boat Race

Of the 132 races rowed Cambridge have won 69, Oxford 62, with one dead heat on March 24 1877 in a time of 24 min 8 sec. This year's crews have the heaviest, tallest, oldest and youngest competitors on board.

How the crews line up

Oxford		Cambridge
H M Pelham (St Edward's, Oxford and Christ Church) Age 20, 6ft 1½in, 13st 9½lb	Bow	**I R Clarke** * (Stourport HS and Fitzwilliam) Age 22, 6ft 1in, 12st 6½lb
P A Gish (Dartmouth Coll, US and Oriel) Age 24, 6ft 2in, 14st 0lb	2	**R A B Spink** (Sherborne and Downing) Age 22, 6ft 4in, 14st 0½lb
A D Ward (King's, Chester and Oriel) Age 19, 6ft 5in, 13st 9lb	3	**N J Grundy** (St Edward's, Oxford and Jesus) Age 21, 5ft 11in, 12st 9lb
P Gleeson (St Martin's, Brentwood and Hertford) Age 21, 6ft 3in, 14st 12lb	4	**M J Brittin** (Hampton and Robinson) Age 18, 6ft 4in, 14st 8½lb
R Hull (Wymondham and Oriel) Age 22, 6ft 1in, 14st 7½lb	5	**S M Peel** * (King's, Chester and Downing) Age 21, 6ft 5in, 13st 8½lb
D H M Macdonald * (Morrison's Academy and Mansfield) Age 31, 6ft 2in, 13st 13lb	6	**J S Pew** * (Episcopal Academy, US and Trinity) Age 24, 6ft 8in, 14st 13lb
T A D Cadoux-Hudson (Radley and New College) Age 28, 6ft 4½in, 14st 6lb	7	**J R Garman** (Shrewsbury and St John's) Age 19, 6ft 5in, 14st 2lb
G B Stewart (Bournemouth and Wadham) Age 24, 6ft 8½in, 16st 7lb	Str	**P H Broughton** * (Kelly College and Magdalene) Age 24, 6ft 5in, 14st 1lb
A D Lobbenberg (Shrewsbury and Balliol) Age 20, 5ft 6in, 8st 3lb	Cox	**J M Wolfson** (Eton and Pembroke) Age 20, 5ft 9½in, 8st 12lb
Average weight 14st 6½lb		**Average weight 13st 11½lb**

* A Blue

Government need to give increased powers to the BOA

Colin Moynihan MP, a former Oxford coxswain and a boxing Blue and today's Boat Race umpire, looks at the challenges facing Government and sport

The highest tide of the year will today carry the Boat Race crews to Mortlake, then turn to assist 420 eights back to Putney three hours later in the Head of the River Race. A record-breaking feat, but if British rowing and our nation's sporting excellence is to go from strength to strength a new approach needs to be developed by the Government and sporting bodies towards a sport and recreation policy.

Such a policy will need to provide answers to the questions which concentrated the minds of MPs last Tuesday in the most significant debate on sport in the House for 10 years.

At the heart of that debate was the question of financing sport and recreation. The Sports Council, operating since 1972 under a Royal Charter, admirably and rightly had an all-embracing role

Much has changed. In the past five years an increase in resources invested in sport has been greater than in any other sector of national interest. Sponsorship money has doubled; yet further opportunities for private sector participation remain on the drawing-board owing to the inability of certain ageing governing bodies to face the realities of television contracts, advertising deals and commercial opportunities. Too often governing bodies see these as challenges to their authority rather than opportunities.

Appeals from the British Olympic Association have proved successful. The Sports Aid Foundation and Trust are providing more assistance to the hopefuls of tomorrow than ever before and the Council have doubled their budget under this Government to above £37 million. However, the most telling fact for policy-makers is the substantial growth in local authority investment in sport and recreation which now exceeds £900 million per annum.

Sports Council needs to adapt

The Council must adapt their role accordingly. A clearly defined policy to encourage widespread participation, working with schools and local government, is required. Far better use of the sporting facilities which lie idle around the country (some 550 school fields are for sale), initiatives to reverse the decline in physical education (where 48 per cent fewer children are being taught to swim than five years ago) and where, according to a Health Education Council and Physical Education Association survey in the West Midlands: "83 per cent of children are engaged in less than five minutes vigorous activity per day."

Efforts to stop the decline in competitive sports in schools and an extension for Sport for All to concentrate resources in areas of social stress, high unemployment and under-provision of sporting facilities (not always the inner cities) is needed.

Thus, clarifying the role of the Council would clearly leave the pursuit of excellence to the BOA. Currently the BOA stands alone in the international world of sport by not attracting Government financial assistance.

BOA can unlock private resources

It is not a matter of providing "new money", what is required is the redeployment of funds which the Council currently spend on preparing international athletes to the BOA, who are far better placed to unlock private sector resources. It is a duty of Government to allocate the use of resources to the organizations best able to generate matching private sector funds.

Such a revitalized BOA could work with the Council vigorously to implement a comprehensive ban on any governing body which does not accept random drug testing of any national squad at any training weekend or competition. Drug abuse is blatant cheating. It turns sporting excellence into competition between chemists. The Government, the BOA and the Council can do more to tackle this problem.

While crews complete their marathon row today, perhaps further consideration will be given to the future of the Olympic movement. The needs are to examine a permanent site in Greece, run by the International Olympic Committee, and to stage "open games", thus freeing athletes from the hypocrisy of shamateurism. Otherwise, the overt politicization which has spread from Munich to Los Angeles, and which will inevitably raise its head in Seoul, will mark the decline of the Olympic movement and Pierre de Coubertin's ideals.

After all, it was Dr Arnold's mid-nineteenth century concept of *mens sana in corpore sano* at Rugby School which inspired Thomas Hughes, in *Tom Brown's Schooldays*, and then gave Baron de Coubertin's his vision of the modern Olympics. It is a dream which many oarsmen rowing in both directions today will share in their search for a competitors' pass to Seoul next year.

TENNIS

Bloom stakes a claim for Israeli Cup team

From Richard Evans, Brussels

Israel will not be short of players when they meet India in the quarter-final of the Davis Cup in July – presuming, of course, that politics does not prevent the tie from being played.

Gilad Bloom, who extended No. 2 seed Mats Wilander to three well-played sets before going down 5-7, 6-3, 6-2 in the quarter-finals of the Belgian Open here yesterday, was not even part of the Israeli team that defeated Czechoslovakia two weeks ago.

Yet earlier this week Bloom, a left-hander who was Israeli junior champion in 1985, gave the national selectors something to think about by beating his compatriot, Amos Mansdorf, in the second round.

Wilander was cruising to a 5-2 lead in the first set before Bloom settled down and started to offer glimpses of the tenacity that enabled him to overcome Mansdorf. Steady, if not penetrating off the ground, Bloom likes to come in and covers the net like a cat.

Even when Wilander got the match under control, Bloom's persistency caused his opponent to throw his racket across the baseline in frustration. The umpire looked too surprised by this sudden collapse of Swedish control to do anything about it.

Earlier, Jonas B Svensson, who played such a magnificent match against Yannick Noah in the final at Wembley last year, reached the semi-final with an impressive 6-3, 6-3 win over another Swede, Jan Gunnarsson.

Svensson looked so good at Wembley that one had expected him to make further inroads into the hierarchy of the grand prix tour but it was not until he reached the quarter-finals in Rotterdam last week that he was able to approach the form that stretched Noah to the limit.

Although Stefan Edberg has surpassed him in the rankings, Wilander is still considered the senior Swede on tour and will be anxious not to allow Svensson to upset the pecking order when they meet here today.

Swedish rose fails to blossom

From Barry Wood Fairfax, Virginia

Once she was known as "Borgette" because she played in a similar style to the Swedish phenomenon. With her shorts, blonde hair and headband she could even look like him. That was in 1982, when she won the Wimbledon junior title

But Catherine Tanvier has never lived up to her promise. A year ago, she said she was aiming for a return to the top 20, where she dwelt briefly in 1984.

Yesterday, in the Virginia Slims of Washington, she lost 7-6, 6-0 to Helena Sukova, another case of so close, but not close enough.

"I've had some tough draws and had to play people like Navratilova, Mandlikova, Sukova and Kohde-Kilsch in first or second round matches and so I lost confidence," she explained. "You don't get enough matches that way and that makes you nervous."

RESULTS: Second round (US unless stated): Z Garrison bt C Bassett (Can), 6-3, 6-1; K Rinaldi bt E Reinach (SA), 3-6, 6-4, 6-1.

MOTOR CYCLING

Mackenzie starts first grand prix in pole place

From Michael Scott, Suzuka, Japan

Niall Mackenzie, the Scottish rider, made a sensational start to his first full 500cc grand prix season yesterday by taking pole position in practice for tomorrow's opening round of the Japanese Grand Prix.

The Australian, Wayne Gardner, riding a similar V4 Honda, was second, almost a second slower round the long and difficult Suzuka circuit. The world champion, Eddie Lawson (Yamaha), was only seventh fastest, while Freddie Spencer withdrew after a few slow laps, still suffering from injuries sustained three weeks ago at Daytona.

Third fastest was the Australian newcomer Kevin Magee, but he crashed in the afternoon, for the second day in succession, and was lucky to be unhurt. The Japanese rider Tadahiko Taira (Yamaha) and Syunji Yatsushiro (Honda) were fourth and fifth.

Rob McElnea, Lawson's Marlboro-Yamaha team mate, was sixth, fractionally faster than Lawson, Ron Haslam (Honda) was tenth, Roger Burnett (Honda) seventeenth before crashing unhurt, and Kenny Irons twentieth on a conspicuously slow new Suzuki V4. Starting positions for Sunday's race are of course not yet settled, with two more practice sessions today, but Mackenzie, aged 25 from Stirling, looked comfortably within himself as he circulated at consistent lap record speed.

Freddie Spencer (Honda) has not yet officially withdrawn from the race, but few people expect him to compete. He complained of pain and stiffness in his fractured shoulder.

In the 250 class, reigning champion Carlos Lavado eliminated himself in an absurd first gear crash at the pits exit. He lost control while practising a clutch start, which this year replaces the traditional push start, and broke his collar bone.

500cc PRACTICE TIMES: 1, N Mackenzie (Honda; GB), 2min 14.33sec, 158.317 kph; 2, W Gardner (Honda; Aus), 2:15.354; 3, K Magee (Yamaha; Aus), 2:15.853; 4, T Taira (Yamaha; Japan), 2:16.729; 5, S Yatsushiro (Honda; Jap), 2:16.279; 6, R McElnea (Yamaha; GB), 2:16.294.

FOR THE RECORD

ARCHERY

ADELAIDE: World championships: Final placings: Men: 1, V Esheyev (USSR), 329; 2, A Lippoldt (WG), 326; 3, J Barrs (US), 318; 4, Seong-hyun Yang (S Kor), 312; 5, T Poikolainen (Fin), 312; 6, D Kahlert (WG), 312; 7, S Hallard (GB), 308; 8, Chang-hoon Yang (S Kor), 304. Women: 1, Ma Xiaojun (China), 330; 2, Wang Hee-kyung (S Kor), 328; 3, Yao Yawen (China), 323; 4, E Marsel (USSR), 318; 5, L Arzhannikova (USSR), 314; 6, Park Jeong-ah (S Kor), 312; 7, M Isayeva (USSR), 312; 8, Jeong Jae-bong (S Kor), 303.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Atlanta Hawks 120, Dallas Mavericks 112; New Jersey Nets 109, Chicago Bulls 107; Washington Bullets 106, Boston Celtics 103; Houston Rockets 119, Portland Trailblazers 104; Denver Nuggets 123, Seattle Supersonics 113; Los Angeles Lakers 128, Detroit Pistons 111; Sacramento Kings 124, Phoenix Suns 115.

CRICKET

HARARE, Zimbabwe: Second international match, third day: Pakistan B 220 and 103 for 4; Zimbabwe B 91 for 4 dec (no play, rain). Match drawn.

CURLING

LAKE FOREST, Illinois: Glayva World Women's Championship: Round robin: Canada bt Denmark, 9-1; United States bt Switzerland, 9-6; Norway bt France, 14-4; West Germany bt Finland, 11-3; Sweden bt Scotland, 6-3. Canada, Switzerland, Norway and West Germany qualify for semi-finals.

CYCLING

TORREDEMBARRA, Spain: Tour of Catalonia: Overall (Spain unless stated): 1, V Belda, 17hr 39min 11sec; 2, P Hilse (WG), at 17sec; 3, M Indurain, 4:13; 4, I Gaston, 4:28; 5, J Recio, 4:45; 6, R Millar (GB), 4:56; 7, A da Silva (Port), 4:59; 8, P Munoz, 5:10; 9, M Ramirez (Col), 5:37; 10, J Fernandez, 5:47.

FOOTBALL

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Folkestone 0, Fareham 2. Southern division: Ashford 4, Corinthian-Casuals 0; Chatham 3, Hastings 0. Midland division: Leicester Utd v Hednesford, postponed.

GM ACCEPTANCE CUP: Fourth round: Aylesbury 0, Maidstone 0.

CENTRAL LEAGUE: Hull City 2, Aston Villa 1; Everton 4, Leicester 1.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: President's Cup: Semi-final, first leg: Postponed: Burton v Gainsborough (ground waterlogged). Second leg: Macclesfield 1, Worksop 1 (agg 3-1).

SPANISH LEAGUE: Real Madrid 4, Atlético Madrid 1. Leading positions (33 matches): 1, Real Madrid 49pts; 2, Barcelona 47; 3, Español 42.

BRAZILIAN LEAGUE: Rio de Janeiro: Mesquita 0, Flamengo 0; Porto Alegre 0, Fluminense 2; Botafogo 2, Olaria 1; Bangu 3, Friense 1; Cabofriense 2, America 1. Sao Paulo: Juventus 2, Portuguesa Desportos 2; Santos 2, Mogi Mirim 1; Ponte Preta 1, Inter Limeira 1; Jau 0, Palmeiras 0; Ferroviaria 1, Santo Andre 0; Piracicaba 0, Novorizontino 0.

GOLF

PHOENIX CLASSIC WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT: First round (US unless stated): 68: P Pulz (Aus), M Foyer. 70: D Richard, C Walker, L Young, M Figueras-Dotti (Sp), P Rizzo. 71: C Johnson, N Scranton Brown, S Bertolaccini (Arg), J Cole, K Postlewait

HOCKEY

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Ladykillers 2, Combined Services 1.

ICE HOCKEY

CANAZEI, Italy: World championships: Group B: France 5, Norway 5. Group C: North Korea 3, Bulgaria 2; Yugoslavia 5, Japan 5; Denmark 8, Romania 2; Hungary 9, Belgium 4; Italy 7, China 3. **INTERNATIONAL MATCH** (in Munich): West Germany 2, Soviet Union 5. **NORTH AMERICA:** National League (NHL): Boston Bruins 4, Edmonton Oilers 1; Los Angeles Kings 5, Buffalo Sabres 3 (OT); Philadelphia Flyers 3, Quebec Nordiques 2; Vancouver Canucks 5, New York Islanders 2; Calgary Flames 3, Winnipeg Jets 1.

ICE SKATING

ALMA ATA, Soviet Union: Men: 500 metres: 1, N Thometz (US), 36.23sec (world record). 1,000m: 1, A Bakhvalov, 1min 12.21sec (world record). Women: 500m: 1, B Blair (US), 39.28sec (world record).

RACKETS

QUEEN'S CLUB, London: Public Schools Championships: Professionals' Association Second Pairs Cup, Second round: Malvern (M Hennan and C Haworth) bt Marlborough (D Bevan and M Butler), 15-12, 8-15, 15-4, 8-15, 15-11, 15-9; Tonbridge (R Cook and J Calow) bt Rugby (I Woodmansey and P Racowe), 15-7, 15-3, 15-2, 15-8; Radley (R Gurney and P Davis-Jones) bt Winchester (J Segal and A Paker), 16-1, 16-15, 15-4, 15-1; Clifton (R Clark and W Bees) bt Harrow (D Barry-Green and A Hamilton), 15-8, 15-5, 15-10, 15-3.

Peter Gray Cup (Under-15): First round: Malvern (S Chapman and W Robinson) bt Wellington (G Fenn and T Sawrey-Cookson), 15-2, 10-15, 15-3, 15-3; Eton (A Smith Bingham and J Nomas) bt Radley (N Hunter and H Birts), 15-1, 15-1, 15-9; Charterhouse (R Lawson and W Chignell) bt Haileybury (R Gunn and T Schrager), 15-2, 15-8, 18-15. Second round: Eton bt Rugby (A B T Cade and R W Thimble) 8-15, 9-15, 18-13, 15-11, 18-13.

RUGBY UNION

SEETECH SEVENS: Final: Hatfield Polytechnic 22, West London IHE 14. Plate final: Luton College 24, Bulmer Shire 0.

SKIING

HEMSEDAL, Norway: World junior championship: Boys: Downhill: 1, U Lehmann (Switz), 1min 25.72sec; 2, T Moe (US), 1:25.80; 3, W Erharter (Austria), 1:25.86. Combined: 1, W Erharter (Austria), 13.08pts; 2, A Stres (Cz), 15.89; 3, R Pramotton (It), 16.25. Girls: Downhill: 1, M Dauer (Austria), 1:29.50; 2, S Ginther (Austria), 1:29.81; 3, D Compagnoni (It), 1:30.09.

SNOOKER

PRESTON: Embassy world championship: Qualifying tournament: First round: S James (Eng) bt M Watterson (Eng), 10-2; J Bear (Can) bt J Rea (N Ire), 10-5; A Kearney (Ire) w/o F Jonik (Can), scr; G Rigitano (Can) bt P Morgan (Aus), 4-0, ret; M Darrington (Eng) bt S Demarco (Scot), 10-7.

SPEEDWAY

LEAGUE CUP: Sheffield v Wolverhampton, postponed.

TUNNEL TROPHY: First leg: Arena Essex 44 (A Silver 11, M Goodwin 11), Canterbury 32 (D Mullett 12, P Whitaker 10).

PREMIERSHIP MATCH: Postponed: Oxford v Cradley Heath.

SQUASH

MONACO: Monte Carlo Open: First round: S Davenport (NZ) bt C Jones (GB), 3-9, 9-1, 9-2, 9-0; B Martin (Aus) bt M Symonds (SA), 9-0, 9-7, 9-4; T Nancarrow (Aus) bt D Lee (GB), 8-10, 5-9, 9-3, 9-3, 9-4; A Davies (GB) bt A Wahlstedt (Swe), 9-7, 9-3, 9-5; C Robertson (Aus) bt Gamal Awad (Eg), 9-2, 9-4, 9-6; J Gomerup (Swe) bt P Hill (Sing), 9-5, 9-4, 9-5; G Williams (GB) bt S Taylor (GB), 9-4, 9-7, 9-6; D Meddings (GB) bt P Trueman (Aus), 9-6, 9-8, 2-9, 10-8; S Butt (Can) bt E van der Pluym (Neth), 9-2, 5-9, 7-9, 9-3, 9-3; R Hill (Aus) bt S Elopouru (Fin), 9-6, 3-9, 9-5, 9-4; A Adarraga (Aus) bt G Briars (GB), 9-4, 6-9, 6-9, 10-8, 9-4; F Johnson (Swe) bt Gamal El Amir (Eg), 5-9, 9-3, 9-4, 9-4; C Dittmar (Aus) bt G Waite (Can), 9-5, 9-4, 9-6; R Martin (Aus) bt S Cunningham (NZ), 9-4, 3-9, 9-7, 2-9, 9-0; P Kenyon (GB) bt R Owen (GB), 9-1, 9-1, 9-3. Second round: Martin bt Kenyon, 10-8, 5-9, 0-9, 9-7, 9-2; Dittmar bt Johnson, 9-4, 9-4, 9-2; Hill bt Adarraga, 2-9, 9-4, 2-9, 9-6, 9-2; Meddings bt Butt, 9-4, 9-2, 9-7; Williams bt Hickox, 9-8, 9-3, 9-0; Robertson bt Gomerup, 9-6, 9-6, 9-4; Davies bt Nancarrow, 7-9, 9-5, 9-5, 5-9, 9-7; Davenport bt Martin, 9-0, 9-7, 1-9, 9-3.

TABLE TENNIS

EUROPEAN SUPER LEAGUE: France 3, Czechoslovakia 4 (Czechoslovak names first): Men's singles: J Pansky bt P Renverse 15-21, 21-14, 21-10; M Cecava lost to J-P Gatien 14-21, 21-13, 14-21; Cecava bt Renverse 21-14, 21-16; Pansky lost to Gatien 21-17, 22-24, 17-21. Women's singles: R Kasalova lost to Wang Xiao Ming 16-21, 24-22, 14-21. Men's doubles: Pansky/Cecava bt Gatien/Didier Monmessin 21-14, 21-12. Mixed doubles: Pansky/Kasalova bt Gatien/Wang 21-16, 17-21, 23-21.

TENNIS

BRUSSELS: Belgian indoor championships: Second round: J Svensson (Swe) bt C Limberger (Aus), 6-2, 5-7, 6-3; A Jarryd (Swe) bt A Chesnokov (USSR), 6-2, 6-3; M Wilander (Swe) bt M Kratzmann (Aus), 6-0, 6-2.

NANCY: Men's Grand Prix tournament: Quarter-finals: R Krishnan (Ind) bt R Stadler (Switz), 7-5, 6-4; P Cash (Aus) bt T Nelson (US), 6-3, 6-1; J Grabb (US) bt R Osterthun (WG), 3-6, 6-4, 4-1, (ret); M Bahrami (Iran) bt E Winogradsky (Fr), 7-6, 6-2.

SWIMMING

BOCA RATON, Florida: US Short Course National Championships (US unless stated): Men: 200 yard freestyle: 1, M Podkoscielny (Pol), 1min 37.07sec; 2, J Davis, 1:37.88; 3, F Mortensen, 1:38.07. 400 yard individual medley: 1, T Darnyi (Hun), 3:43.04; 2, J Szabo (Hun), 3:49.78; 3, R Kaynaugh, 3:50.72. Women: 200 yard freestyle: 1, M Kramer, 1:46.01; 2, W Hedgepath, 1:46.05; 3, L Meyers, 1:47.20. 400 yard individual medley: 1, J Evans, 4:12.32; 2, G O'Keefe, 4:13.93; 3, K Arris, 4:17.13.

REAL TENNIS

Pressure helps Ronaldson to contain Davies

By William Stephens

Chris Ronaldson, the world champion, finished level with Wayne Davies 2-2 after the first leg of the world championship challenge at Queen's Club, West London yesterday.

Davies, sharp following his eliminator against Lachlan Deuchar, took command with precise boomerang services and was agile about the court, while Ronaldson, lacking match practice, was tense and tentative. Davies was the more nimble retriever, and was impressive taking the ball off the tambour

But Ronaldson gradually tightened his game; he gained two set points for the first set, but Davies won it 6-5 with two boasted forces to the dedans, and retained control to take the second 6-3.

Ronaldson, renowned for being cool and at his best under pressure, took the initiative in the third set, going purposefully for his shots. He won the remaining two sets 6-1, 6-3.

Howard Angus, the former world champion, plays Julian Snow in the final of the George Wimpey amateur championship at Holyport, near Maidenhead, this morning. In the semi-finals, Angus beat Alan Lovell, the holder – who had influenza – 6-1, 6-5, 6-2, and Snow beat Mick Dean 6-0, 6-3, 6-3.

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

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SATURDAY

BBC1 WALES 5.15pm-5.20 Sports News Wales 12.40am Weather, close SCOTLAND 5.15pm-5.20 Scottish News and Sport 9.45-10.05 Sportscene 10.05-10.30 Andy Cameron Live 11.50-12.35am Cagney and Lacey 12.35-12.40 Weather, close NORTHERN IRELAND 4.55pm-5.05pm Northern Ireland Results 5.15-5.20 Northern Ireland News 12.40am-12.45 News and weather ENGLAND 5.15pm-5.20 South and East (London) – Sport. South and West (Plymouth) – Spotlight Sport and News. All other English regions – Regional News and Sport

BBC2 SCOTLAND 1.55pm-4.40 Conference '87

ANGLIA As London except: 11.00am-12.00 Tarzan 10.45pm Film: Arthur 12.30am Call of the Cloister, Closedown.

BORDER As London except: 11.00am Spiderwoman 11.30-12.00 Mr Merlin 1.20pm Mary 1.45-2.15 Rallycross 10.45 Film: Arthur 12.30am Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except: 11.00am Mister T 11.30-12.00 Under the Mountain 1.20pm Bionic Woman 2.15-2.45 Who's The Boss? 10.45 Film: Arthur 12.30am Jobfinder 1.30 Closedown.

CHANNEL As London except: 11.00am-12.00 Tarzan 1.20pm Rallycross 1.50-2.15 Diff'rent Strokes 10.45 Film: Arthur 12.30am Camel – Pressure Point 1.30 Closedown.

GRANADA As London except: 11.00am-12.00 Greatest American Hero 1.20pm UFO 2.15-2.45 Easy Street 11.30 Film: Deadfall 1.40am Closedown.

HTV WEST As London except: 11.00am-12.00 UFO 10.45pm Film: Arthur 12.30am Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: No variation.

SCOTTISH As London except: 11.00am Fireball XL5 11.25 Crystal Tipps 11.30-12.00 Smurfs 1.20pm-2.15 Love Boat 10.45 Film: Arthur 12.30am Late Call, Closedown.

TSW As London except: 11.00am-12.00 Chips 1.20pm-2.15 Scarecrow & Mrs King 5.05 Newsport 5.10 Blockbusters 5.40 Gus Honeybun 5.45-6.45 A-Team 10.45 Film: Arthur 11.30am Postscript, Closedown.

TVS As London except: 11.00am-12.00 Tarzan 1.20pm Rallycross 1.50-2.15 Diff'rent Strokes 10.45 Film: Arthur 12.30am Mirror Images 1.30 Company, Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except: 11.00am-12.00 UFO 1.20pm-2.15 Tucker's Witch 10.45 Educating Oz 11.15 Film: Million Dollar Face 1.00am Poetry of the People 1.10 Closedown.

ULSTER As London except: 1.30pm-2.15 UFO 4.55-5.00 Sports Results 10.45 Film: Arthur 12.30am Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 11.00am-12.00 Tarzan 1.20pm-2.15 Scarecrow and Mrs King 10.45 Film: Arthur 12.30am Jobfinder 1.30 Closedown.

S4C Starts: 10.30am Union World 11.00 Week in Politics 11.45 What the Papers Say 12.00 Marketing Mix 12.30 Film: Seven Sinners 2.00 Bocsio Amatur 3.00 Racing 5.00 Odyssey 6.00 Right to Reply 6.30 Speed Chess Challenge 7.00 March of Time 7.30 Newyddion 7.50 Sturmau 8.20 Elinor ac Erall 9.00 Maes Chwarae 10.05 Cynhadledd '87 10.15 ER 10.45 Ask Dr Ruth 11.15 Film: Midsummer Night's Sex Comedy 12.55am Closedown.

SUNDAY

BBC1 WALES 10.45pm-11.10 Conference Report (Welsh Social Democratic Party) 12.00-12.25am Video Active 12.25-12.30 News and weather. SCOTLAND 10.55am-11.20 The Interview Game 12.35pm-12.58 Landward 12.00-12.05am News and weather, NORTHERN IRELAND 10.45pm-11.25 Leipzig Gewandhaus Orchestra 11.25-11.50 Video Active 11.50-11.55 News and weather

BBC2 WALES 1.55pm-2.35 Rugby Special (Schweppes Welsh Cup semi-finals)

ANGLIA As London except: 9.25am-9.30 Cartoon 1.00pm Beverly Hillbillies* 1.25 Weather 1.30-2.00 Farming Diary 2.30-4.30 Film: Prince and the Pauper 5.00 Lone Furrow 5.30-6.00 Candid Camera 11.30 New Avengers 12.30am Last Book, Closedown.

BORDER As London except: 9.25am-9.30 Border Diary 1.00pm-1.30 Farming Outlook 2.30-4.30 Film: Glory Guys 5.00 Lone Furrow 5.30-6.00 Survival 11.30 Scottish Liberal Conference 12.15am Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except: 9.25am-9.30 Cartoon 1.00pm Link 1.30-2.00 Here and Now 2.30-4.30 Film: The Hunters 5.00 Lone Furrow 5.30-6.00 Survival 11.30 Jazz and Blues 12.30am Jobfinder 1.30 Closedown.

CHANNEL As London except: 9.25am-9.30 Starting Point 1.00pm Les Francais Chez-Vous 1.30-2.00 Farm Focus 2.30-4.30 Film: Black Tulip 5.00 Survival 5.30-6.00 Lone Furrow 11.30 Mysteries of Edgar Wallace* 12.30am Closedown.

GRANADA As London except: 9.25am-9.30 Max the Mouse 1.00pm Members Only 1.05 Aap Kaa Hak 1.10 Wish You Were Here...? 1.40-2.00 This is Your Right 2.30-4.30 Film: Anastasia* 5.00 Lone Furrow 5.30 Bullseye 6.00-6.30 Survival 12.00 Show Express 12.30am Closedown.

HTV WEST As London except: 9.25am-9.30 Max the Mouse 1.00pm-1.30 Farming Wales 2.30-4.30 Film: Sinbad and the Eye of the Tiger 5.00 Lone Furrow 5.30-6.00 Diff'rent Strokes 7.45-8.45 Film: Oklahoma Crude 11.30 Downtown 12.30am Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: 2.30pm-3.30 Hotel 3.30-4.30 Bewitched by a Dolphin

SCOTTISH As London except: 9.25am-9.30 Peter's Adventures 11.00 Sunday Service 11.25 Singalong 11.30-12.00 Farming Outlook 1.00pm Glen Michael Cavalcade 2.00 Two-Edged Sword 2.30 Hart to Hart 3.30 Survival 4.00-4.30 Lone Furrow 5.00-6.00 Scotsport 11.30 Scottish Liberal Conference 12.15am Late Call, Closedown.

TSW As London except: 9.25am-9.30 Look and See 1.00pm Postscript Diary 1.05 South West Week 1.30-2.00 Farming News 2.30 Film: The Hunters 4.30 Gardens for All 5.00-5.30 Supergran 11.30 Promises and Piecrust 11.55 Postscript Postbag, Closedown.

TVS As London except: 9.25am-9.30 Employment Action 1.00pm Agenda 1.30-2.00 Farm Focus 2.30-4.30 Film: Fiendish Plot of Dr Fu Manchu 5.00-5.30 Survival 11.30 Mysteries of Edgar Wallace* 12.30am Company, Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except: 9.25am-9.30 Hello Sunday 1.00pm Farming Outlook 1.30-2.00 Face the Press 2.30-4.30 Film: The Tall Men* 5.00 Lone Furrow 5.30 Northern Life – Sunday Edition 6.00 Bullseye 11.30 Television Show 12.00 Candid Camera 12.30am Epilogue, Closedown.

ULSTER As London except: 9.25am-9.30 Cartoon 1.00pm Link 1.30-2.00 Farming Ulster 2.30-4.30 Film: Five Weeks in a Balloon* 5.00 Lone Furrow 5.30-6.00 Duck Factory 11.30 Magnum 12.25am Sports Results 12.30 News, Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 9.25am-9.30 Cartoon 1.00pm Link 1.25-2.00 Farming Diary 2.30 Film: Odd Couple 5.00 Lone Furrow 5.30-6.00 Who's The Boss? 11.30 Mysteries of Edgar Wallace* 12.35am Five Minutes 12.40 Jobfinder 1.40 Closedown.

S4C Starts: 9.00am Hafoc 10.00 World This Week 11.00 Worzel Gummidge 11.30 Waltons 12.30pm The Tube 2.00 Film: London Belongs to Me* 4.00 Horses 5.00 7 Days 5.30 Business Programme 6.15 Volleyball 7.20 Newyddion 7.30 Cais am Gan 8.00 Pobol Y Cwm 8.30 Dechrau Canu Dechrau Canmol 9.00 Pa Chwiltiog 9.35 Dirgelwch Cell Hywel 10.50 Film: Long Arm* 12.40am Closedown.

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TELEVISION AND RADIO

Edited by Peter Dear and Janet Crumbie

SATURDAY

CHOICE

● **Fashionable dancer and choreographer Michael Clark features in No Fire Escape in Hell** (BBC2, 7.45pm). Dreadful music: "Welcome to the '80s, '90s" drones a chorus to thudding 1970s rock riff. But he can dance, no question.

● **Saturday Review** (BBC2, 8.55pm) trails David Lynch's latest film *Blue Velvet*, which exposes the pallid underbelly of small town America in ways that Spielberg would shudder to imagine. But Lynch is clearly happy as a hog after truffles as he roots out the terror, and Dennis Hopper, with a stupendous performance as a psychotic, reveals that it is he rather than Jack Nicholson who is the finest acting talent of his generation.

● Nicholson himself can be seen in an unusually restrained mood in **The Passenger** (BBC2, 10.40pm), playing a burnt-out TV journalist who swaps identity with a dead man only to find himself living on borrowed time. This screening clashes, irritatingly, with **Circle of Deceit** (Channel 4, 11.15pm), also about a professional reporter. But its chief interest is the location: actual wartime Beirut.

Chris Petit

Conversation stopper: Walther Matthau and Jack Lemmon talk to Michael Parkinson on One-to-One (ITV, 10.00pm)

BBC 1

6.45 Open University. Until 8.30.
8.30 The Hunter. (r) **8.35 Dogtanian and the Three Muskehounds.** (r)
9.00 Saturday SuperStore managed by Mike Read. The customers include Simon le Bon and Curiosity Killed the Cat.
11.45 Grandstand introduced by Desmond Lynam. The line-up is: (subject to alteration) **11.50 Boat Races** begins at 12.20; **1.00 News** and weather; **1.10** Football Focus with Bob Wilson; **1.40, 2.10** and **2.45 Racing from Newbury; 1.55 Racing:** Grand National preview; **2.25** and **3.05 Rugby League:** Widnes v Halifax; **3.40 Head of the River:** 400 crews row from Chiswick to Putney, beginning at **3.45; 4.40** Final score.
5.05 News with Debbie Thrower. Weather **5.15** Sport/Regional news.
5.20 Perfect Strangers. Comedy series.
5.45 Jim'll Fix It. Among those for whom Mr Savile has fixed is a teenage girl who wanted to try new horse-riding techniques. (Ceefax)
6.20 The Little and Large Show. Syd's and Eddie's guest are Bucks Fizz, Irene Handl, and the Fred Tomlinson Singers. (Ceefax)
6.55 One by One. Part five of the series based on the Zoo Vet stories of David Taylor and Donald Turner finds his services are needed in Amsterdam and Madrid. (Ceefax)
7.45 Bob Says Opportunity Knocks. Talent contest in which the viewers pick the winner.
8.35 Bergerac. The Jersey policeman investigates the discovery of a dead scuba diver and the disappearance of the wife of a has-been actor, and finds that the two cases are linked. (r) (Ceefax)
9.30 News and sport. With Debbie Thrower.
9.45 Cagney and Lacey. The two police officers investigate the ssupected illegal dumping of carcinogenic waste from a toy factory. (Ceefax)
10.30 The Houseman's Tale. The second and final part of the black comedy medical story and Dr David Campbell is worried when a number of young doctors are struck down by hepatitis. (Ceefax)
11.50 World Bowls. The Midland Bank World Indoor Pairs Championship.
12.40 Weather.

BBC 2

6.50 Open University.
1.55 Chess Classic. Lajos Portisch plays Viktor Korchnoi.
2.25 Film: All This and Heaven Too" (1941) starring Bette Davis and Charles Boyer. Drama, set in mid-19th century Paris, about the upheaval caused in the home of an aristocratic couple by the arrival of a young governess. Directed by Anatole Litvak.
4.40 World Bowls. The first semifinal of the Midland Bank World Indoor Pairs Championship.
5.35 The Week in the Lords. Christopher Jones reports on the week's debates in the House of Lords.
6.15 Micro Live visits the Haymarket Theatre to see Derek Jacobi playing the part of Alan Turing, the father of modern computing, in the play Breaking the Code.
7.05 NewsView with Debbie Thrower and Moira Stuart. Weather.
7.45 No Fire Escape in Hell. A film following the build up to Michael Clarke's latest dance project with the scenes from the work's opening night. (see Choice)
8.15 World Bowls. The second semifinal of the Midland Bank World Indoor Pairs Championship.
8.55 Saturday Review. Russell Davies presents the last of the series. **Film:** David Lynch's Blue Velvet; **Theatre:** Barcelona's La Cubana company's version of The Tempest; **Art:** the Clore extension at the Tate; and Southampton City Art Gallery. (see Choice)
9.45 Strong Poison. Episode one of Dorothy L Sayers' mystery, dramatized in three parts starring Edward Petheridge as Lord Peter Wimsey, helping to save thriller writer Harriet Vane from the gallows. With Harriet Walter. (*shown last Wednesday*) (Ceefax)
10.40 Film: The Passenger (1975) starring Jack Nicholson and Maria Schneider. Drama about a television reporter, stranded in a central African state, who assumes the identity of a heart attack victim staying at the same hotel. He travels to London under his new name and discovers that the late man was leading a more complicated life than was thought. Directed by Michelangelo Antonioni. (see Choice) Ends **12.55.**

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6.58 TV-am introduced by Mike Morris. Weather at **6.58;** news at **7.00.**
7.30 The Wide Awake Club.
9.25 No 73. Fun and games for the young **11.00 The Outsiders.** Australian adventure serial. (r)
12.00 News with Fiona Armstrong.
12.05 Saint and Greavsie. 12.30 Wrestling. Three bouts from Huddersfield Town Hall.
1.20 The Fall Guy. Colt buys three cars to use in a stunt, but one of them contains stolen pearls **2.15 Please Sir!** Comedy series starring John Alderton. (r)
2.45 International Darts. The Nations Cup, a round robin tournament featuring three-men teams representing England, Scotland, Finland, Northern Ireland, and Sweden.
4.45 Results Service.
5.00 News.
5.05 Film: Greyfriars Bobby (1961) starring Donald Crisp, Laurence Naismith, Kay Walsh, and Gordon Jackson. The story of a faithful dog who keeps a vigil over his late master's grave, and is then befriended by an irascible churchyard keeper. Directed by Don Chaffey. (Oracle)
6.45 Bobby Davro's TV Weekly. Comedy impersonations from the host and his guest, Jessica Martin.
7.15 Me and My Girl. Simon is thinking of giving Derek the sack at a time when Derek is about to ask for a rise. (Oracle)
7.45 The Price is Right. Game show.
8.45 News and sport.
9.00 Hunter. Rick and Dee Dee investigate a six million dollar robbery.
10.00 Parkinson One-to-One. The first of a new series and Michael Parkinson's guest is Jack Lemmon. They are joined by Walter Matthau.
10.45 LWT News headlines followec oy **The Big Match.** Brian Moore presents highlights from one of today's top games.
11.30 Arthur (1980) starring Dudley Moore, Liza Minnelli, and John Gielgud. A playboy's lifestyle is threatened when his family threaten to disinherit him unless he marries an heiress, but Arthur is in love with a shoplifter. Directed by Steve Gordon.
1.10 Mirror Image. Music from Swan's Harvest. Ends at **2.00.**

CHANNEL 4

9.25 Pets in Particular. (r) **9.50 4 What It's Worth.** (r) **10.20 The Living Body.** Movement. (r)
10.45 The World - a Television History. Part 10. The story of Genghis Khan's bid to rule the world. (r) **11.15 Mountbatten.** Part four, 1936-1941. (r) **12.15 Isaura the Slave Girl.** (r) **12.55 World of Animation.**
1.20 Film: The Moon and Sixpence" (1942) starring George Sanders as an Edwardian stockbroker who leaves his wife and family to go and paint on a South Sea island. Directed by Albert Lewin.
3.00 Channel 4 Racing from Doncaster. Brough Scott introduces coverage of the **3.05, 3.40 (William Hill Lincoln Handicap), 4.10,** and **4.40 races.**
5.05 Brookside. (r) (Oracle)
6.00 Right to Reply. Critics complain that late-night comedy is not funny and usually in bad taste. Mike Bolland, C4's commissioning editor for light entertainment, defends.
6.30 Speed Chess Challenge. The final game for the Docklands Trophy between Nigel Short and Gary Kasparov.
7.00 News summary and weather followed by **7 Days.** Bruce Kent, and David Regan, Professor of Politics at Nottingham University. discuss civil disobedience; Ursula King reviews the new encyclopaedia of religion.
7.30 Horses. Part three of the series of the role of the horse in the development of human civilization. (Oracle)
8.30 The Orchestra. An award-winning comedy featuring mime artist Julian Joy-Chagrin as a great conductor coaxing the best from serious musicians for an audience of pseudo-intellectuals. (r)
9.00 The Power Game" 1960s boardroom drama serial starring Patrick Wymark. (r) (Oracle)
10.00 Saturday Live. Tonight's guests include Alison Moyet, Andy de la Tour, The Pogues and The Dubliners.
11.15 Film: Circle of Deceit (1981) starring Bruno Ganz and Hanna Schygulla. A drama examining the role of the journalist in war through the story of a West German reporter covering the Beirut conflict in 1975. Directed by Volker Schlondorff. (see Choice)Ends at **1.15.**

Radio 1

On (medium wave). Stereo on VHF (see below)

News on the half-hour until **11.30am,** then at **2.3pm, 3.30, 4.30, 7.30, 9.30** and **12.00** midnight.

6.00am Mark Page **8.00** Peter Powell **10.00** Mike Read **12.30pm** Jimmy Savile **2.30** Sunday Live **3.30** Pop of the Form **4.00** Chartbusters **5.00** Anne Nightingale **9.00** Robbie Vincent **11.00-12.00** The Ranking Miss P

VHF Stereo Radios 1 and 2: **4.00am** As Radio 2 **5.00pm** As Radio 1 **12.00-4.00am** As Radio 2.

Radio 2

On medium wave. Stereo VHF
News on the hour until **1.00pm** then **3.00, 5.00, 7.00** and hourly from **10.00.** Headlines **5.30am, 7.30.** Sports Desks **7.05am, 8.05, 9.02, 10.02, 11.02, 12.02pm, 10.02**
4.00am Dave Bussey **6.00** Steve Truelove **8.05** David Jacobs **10.00** Sounds of the 60s **11.00** Album Time **12.00** The 133rd University Boat Race **1.00pm** The News Huddlines **1.30** Sport on 2. Including Rowing: (Head of the River Race). Rugby Union and Rugby League **6.00** Pop Score **6.30** They Did It Their Way **7.00** The Coach Quiz **7.30** Gala Concert of English Music from Swindon's Wyvern Theatre. **8.25-8.45** David Rider recalls movies with railway connections **9.30** String Sound **10.05** Martin Kelner **12.05am** Night Owls **1.00** Nick Page **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music.

WORLD SERVICE

6.00 Newsdesk 7.00 News 7.09 Twenty-Four Hours 7.30 From the Weeklies 7.45 Network UK 8.00 News 8.09 Reflections 8.15 A Jolly Good Show 9.00 News 9.09 Review of the British Press 9.15 The World Today 9.30 Financial News 9.45 About Britain 10.00 News 10.01 Here's Humph! 10.15 Letter From America 10.30 People and Politics 11.00 News 11.09 News About Britain 11.15 Performing Early Music 12.00 Radio Newsreel 12.15 Sportsworld 12.45 Sports Roundup 1.00 News 1.09 Twenty-Four Hours 1.30 Network UK 1.45 Country Style 2.00 News 2.01 Album Time 2.30 Saturday Special 3.00 Radio Newsreel 3.15 Saturday Special 4.00 News 4.09 Commentary 4.15 Saturday Special 5.00 News 5.01 Saturday Special 8.00 News 8.09 Twenty-Four Hours 8.30 Jazz for the Asking 9.00 News 9.01 At Home With . . . 9.15 Kings of Swing 9.30 People and Politics 10.00 News 10.09 From Our Own Correspondent 10.30 New Ideas 10.40 Reflections 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 News 11.09 Commentary 11.15 Nature Notebook 11.30 Anything Goes 12.00 News 12.09 News About Britain 12.15 Radio Newsreel 12.30 At the Court of . . . 1.00 News 1.01 Play of the Week: Terra Nova 2.00 News 2.09 Review of the British Press 2.15 Hotel du Lac 2.30 Album Time 3.00 News 3.09 News about Britain 3.15 From our own Correspondent 4.45 Reflections 4.50 Financial Review 5.00 News 5.09 Twenty-Four Hours. All times GMT.

Regional TV: on facing page

Radio 3

6.35 Open University (vhf only)
6.55 Weather **7.00** News
7.05 Aubade. Strauss, Overture: Die Fledermaus (Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields); Liszt, Liebestraum No 3 (Jorge Bolet, piano); Monteverdi, Balletto della bellezza (Monteverdi Choir, English Baroque Soloists under John Eliot Gardiner); Albéniz, Sevilla (Suite española, Op 47) (John Williams, guitar); Granados, Elegia eterna (Margaret Price, soprano, James Lockhart, piano); Ravel, Bolero (Chicago SO under Sir Georg Solti).
8.00 World Service News
8.10 Aubade (cont). Rossini, Overture: William Tell (Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields); Spohr, Variations on Je suis encore dans mon printemps, Op 36 (Susan Drake, harp); Haydn, Il meglio mio carattere (Teresa Berganza, mezzo-soprano, SCO under Raymond Leppard); Elgar, Suite No 1: The Wand of Youth (Ulster Orchestra under Bryden Thomson).
9.00 News
9.05 Record Review
10.15 Stereo Release. Mozart, Quintet in B flat (K 589), Chilingirian String Quartet; Strauss, Five Songs, Op 15, Brigitte Fassbaender, contralto, Irwin Gage, piano; Kodaly, Quartet No 2, Op 10, Hagen String Quartet.
11.15 Music for Horn and Piano. Michael Thompson and Catherine Dubois: Thomas Dunhill's Cornucopia, Mervyn Cooke's Sonata.
11.50 Milwaukee SO under Lukas Foss (piano) play Bach's Brandenburg Concerto No 5 in D (BWV 1050) (Edward Mumm, violin, Glenda Lathrop, flute), and Hindemith's Lehrstück with Wisconsin Conservatory Chorus.
1.00 News
1.05 Maurizio Pollini plays Chopin: Three Mazurkas, Op 56, Two Nocturnes, Op 62, and Polonaise-fantasy in A flat major, Op 61.
1.45 Haydn; Symphony No 51 in B flat major (L'Estro Armonico under Derek Solomons).
2.15 British Music for Oboe and String Quartet. Robin Canter, oboe, and the Allegri String Quartet play Alan Rawsthorne's Theme and variations for string quartet, Priaulx Rainier's Pastoral triptych, for oboe, and Gerald Finzi's Interlude.
2.50 Winterreise by Schubert (Robert Holl, bass, Konrad Richter, piano).
4.15 Jazz Record Requests
5.00 BBC SO in Leningrad with the Glinka Academy Capella, Leningrad, under Yuri Temirkanov, and Barry Douglas, piano. Britten, The young person's guide to the orchestra; Prokofiev, Piano Concerto No 3 in C. Holst, Suite: The Planets, Op 32.
7.15 Critics' Forum
8.05 Organ Sonatas of Alexandre Guilmant: No 5 in C minor played by Christopher Herrick.
8.35 Niccolò Jommelli's La passione di Gesù (Sofia Mukhametova, mezzo-soprano, René Jacobs, counter-tenor, Gianni Puddu, tenor, Carlo de Bortoli, bass, Lugano Chamber Society Baroque Ensemble under Arturo Sacchetti).
10.55 Arditti String Quartet play Klaus Huber's Quartet No 3, Gilberto Cappelli's Quartet No 1, Wolfgang Rihm's Quartet No 3 and Giacinto Scelsi's Quartet No 4.
11.57 News

Radio 4

On long wave (s) stereo on VHF
5.55 Shipping **6.00** News Briefing; Weather **6.10** Farming Week **6.50** Prayer for the Day **6.55** Weather; Travel
7.00 Today, incl **7.00, 8.00** Today's News **7.25** Business News **7.30, 8.30** News Summary **7.40, 8.47** Today's Papers **7.45** In Perspective **7.55, 8.58** Weather; Travel **8.25** The Weeklies **8.35** Yesterday in Parliament
9.00 News
9.05 Sport on 4
9.30 Breakaway. Radio 4's travel and leisure programme.
10.00 News; Loose Ends, with Ned Sherrin and guests.
11.00 The Week in Westminster. A personal review of the Parliamentary week with Julia Langdon of the Daily Mirror.
11.25 From Our Own Correspondent. Life and politics abroad reported by BBC correspondents.
11.55 The Weekend on 4
12.00 News; Money Box. Louise Botting with listeners' questions about personal finance.
12.27 The News Quiz (s) **12.55** Weather
1.00 News
1.10 Any Questions? from Harrogate, North Yorkshire. **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; Dilys Powell's History of the British Cinema. 11: the work of Ken Russell, Joseph Losey and Stanley Kubrick.
2.30 The Afternoon Play: The Happiest Women by M. J. Read (s)
4.00 News; International Assignment. BBC correspondents report from around the world.
4.30 Science Now. Million Dollar Microbes. Biotechnology has enabled the development of many new and useful products. But, asks Alun Lewis, at what risk to mankind?
5.00 The Living World. You're Never Alone. Peter France goes on a human safari to find out about the micro-wildlife which lives on our bodies.
5.25 Week Ending. Satirical review **5.50** Shipping **5.55** Weather; Travel
6.00 News; Sports Round-up
6.25 Stop the Week with Robert Robinson (s)
7.00 Saturday Night Theatre: Helbeck of Bannisdale by Mrs Humphry Ward. Alan Helbeck's solitary life in Westmoreland, 1898, is disrupted by the arrival of his sister and her stepdaughter (s).
8.30 Baker's Dozen. Richard Baker with records (s)
9.30 Thriller! SS-GB, by Len Deighton, abridged in 13 parts (13).
9.50 Ten to Ten with the Rev Dr Kenneth Slack (s) **9.58** Weather
10.00 News
10.15 The Saturday Feature. Aerial Footsteps. Anthony Smith commemorates the first cross-Channel balloon flight, completed nearly 200 years ago by two intrepid balloonists (s).
10.45 Mixed Metafordes. Poetry by Nigel Forde.
11.00 Nineteen Ninety Eight (new series). Futuristic comedy drama starring David Threlfall (s).
11.30 Unnatural Acts (new series). Situation comedy (s)
12.00 News; Weather **12.33** Shipping

VHF (available in England and S Wales only) as above except: **5.55-6.00am** Weather; Travel **1.55-2.00pm** Programme News **4.00-6.00** Options **4.00** Parent's Action Guide **4.30** Essays on Popular Music (s) **5.00** Deutsch Express! **5.30** Oaks and Acorns. Nicholas Kochan talks to people who have grown big businesses from small beginnings.

SUNDAY

Intrigues in the staffroom: John Gielgud and Edward Fox in Quartermaine's Terms by Simon Gray (BBC2, 10.10pm)

CHOICE

● "I think very much of geological comparisons," says Pierre Boulez of Harrison Birtwistle, the subject of **Behind the Mask** (Channel 4, 8.15pm). His music thrives on contradiction, being both blunt and lyrical, traits traced back to the Accrington landscape of his childhood where he grew up on a farm . . . next door to a power station.

● Simon Gray has a second outing this season on **Screen Two** (BBC2, 10.10pm) with *Quartermaine's Terms*, an adaptation of his stage play. Gray's earlier view of Oxford in *After Pilkington* — mobile. cunning and murderous — contrasts notably with this Cambridge piece set in the common room of an inferior language school where a shabby loneliness and significant failure are accommodated in repressed English fashion. First Division acting from a heavyweight cast.

● **Did You See . . ?** (BBC2, 9.30pm) interviews Simon Dee on the 20th anniversary of the first *Dee Time*. Dee was an early victim of TV overkill and, with P. J. Proby, endured one of the most spectacular career collapses of the late 1960s.

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BBC 1

6.45 Open University. Until **8.50.**
8.55 Play School. 9.15 Signs of Hope. Lenten service from St John's Church, Taunton.
10.00 Asian Magazine. 10.30 Take Nobody's Word for It. Measuring acid rainfall. (r) **10.55 The Interview Game.** (r) **11.20 Lyn Marshall's Everyday Yoga.** (r)
11.30 The Parent Programme. (r) **11.45 Telejournal** (r) **12.10 See Hear.** For the hearing impaired **12.35 Farming.** A film profile of the new chairman of the RSPB, farmer and conservationist, Adrian Darby **12.58 Weather.**
1.00 This Week Next Week. Denis Healey discusses his and Mr Kinnock's meeting with President Reagan; and first-time voters question David Mellor, Paddy Ashdown, and Jack Straw. **2.00 EastEnders.** (r) (Ceefax)
3.00 Film: The Pride and the Passion (1957) starring Cary Grant, Sophie Loren, and Frank Sinatra. Napoleonic Wars drama about Spanish guerrillas resisting the seemingly unstoppable French advance. Directed by Stanley Kramer. **5.10 The Pink Panther Show.** (r)
5.30 The Animals Roadshow. The first of a new series, presented by Desmond Morris and Sarah Kennedy. (Ceefax)
6.15 You in Mind. Overcoming depression.
6.25 News with Debbie Thrower. Weather.
6.40 Songs of Praise from Clarendon Park Methodist Church. (Ceefax)
7.15 The Russ Abbot Show. Comedy sketches. (r) (Ceefax)
7.45 The District Nurse. Episode five of the 12-part serial and Megan has to make an important decision. (Ceefax)
8.35 Mastermind. The specialist subjects are: English theatre 1570-1620; Rembrandt; William Pitt the Elder; and Chinese history from 1911.
9.10 News with Debbie Thrower. **Weather.**
9.25 That's Life! Consumer affairs series.
10.10 Heart of the Matter with Helena Kennedy.
10.45 Video Active. The first of a series of six programmes on making home videos.
11.10 Metro-Land. Sir John Betjeman takes a trip to suburbia along the Metropolitan Railway. (r)
12.00 Weather

BBC 2

6.50 Open University.
1.55 Rugby Special. Highlights of Orrell v Bath; and Neath v Cardiff.
2.35 World Bowls. The final of the Midland Bank World Pairs Championship.
3.00 Ruddigore. The Gilbert and Sullivan opera in two acts about a man who is bound by a curse to commit a crime every day. With Keith Michell, Sandra Dugdale and, as the accursed man, Vincent Price. The London Symphony Orchestra is conducted by Alexander Fratis.
5.00 World Bowls. Highlights of the first session of the two-part final of the Midland Bank World Bowls Championship.
5.50 Thinking Aloud. Secrecy in British society is discussed by Lord Chalfont, Professor Ian Kennedy, David Leigh, and Dr Kenneth Robinson. Michael Ignatieff is in the chair.
6.30 The Money Programme with news of a new, Japanese-made digital audio tape which may threaten the future of the compact disc, and cause the music industry concern over illegal recording; plus, why banks and building societies are expanding their personal services.
7.15 On the House. Preventing and curing domestic condensation and damp.
7.45 The First Eden. The last in David Attenborough's series on the history of the Mediterranean. (Ceefax)
8.40 World Bowls. The second and final session of the Midland Bank World Pairs Championship.
9.30 Did You See..? How Do You Solve a Problem Like Maria?, Intimate Contact, and The Last Resort, are discussed by Jools Holland, Mavis Nicholson, and John Walsh. Plus, on the 20th anniversary of the first edition of Dee Time, Simon Dee muses on television then and now. (see Choice)
10.10 Screen Two: Quartermaine's Terms (1987) starring Edward Fox, Eleanor Bron, and John Gielgud. A made-for-television version of Simon Gray's stage play set, largely, in the common room of a Cambridge language school. Directed by Bill Hays. (see Choice) (Ceefax)
12.05 World Bowls. Highlights of the final of the Midland Bank World Indoor Bowls Championship. Ends **12.55.**

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6.55 TV-am begins with Sunday Comment; **7.00** Are You Awake Yet?; **7.25** Wac Extra.
8.30 David Frost on Sunday. The guests include Malcolm Turnball
9.25 Wake Up London. (r) **9.30 Disney's Adventures of the Gummi Bears. 10.00 No 73.** Fun and games for the young. **10.30 The Adventures of Black Beauty.** (r)
11.00 Morning Worship from St Mary's Parish Church, Whitkirk, Leeds. **11.45 The Old Testament in Art.** The promised land depicted by Old Masters.
12.00 Weekend World. Is Mr Gorbachov's new style leadership going to transform Russia? **1.00 Police Five. 1.15 The Smurfs.** (r)
1.30 Link. Anti-discrimination legislation demands examined by Kevin Mulhearn **2.00 Encounter.** This last in the series focuses on the Society of Friends.
2.30 LWT News headlines followed by **Film: Planet of the Apes** (1967) starring Charlton Heston. American astronauts crash-land on an unidentified planet and are captured by a band of sub-human, horse-riding hunters. Directed by Franklin J Schaffner.
4.30 Supergran. Children's fantasy series. (Oracle)
5.00 Bullseye with Jim Bowen
5.30 Lone Furrow. A profile of 62-year-old fell runner, Bill Teasdale.
6.00 The Television Show. Reviews, previews, and location reports.
6.30 News with Fiona Armstrong.
6.40 Highway. Sir Harry visits Port Talbot.
7.15 Catchphrase. Hi-tech quiz game. (Oracle)
7.45 Film: The Priest Killer. (1971) starring George Kennedy and Raymond Burr. Chief Ironside is helped by a policeman-turned-priest when faced with a murderer specialising in men of the cloth. A made for television drama directed by Richard A Colla.
9.40 News.
10.00 Clive James on Television. The underwear advertising war of the sexes. (r)
10.30 The South Bank Show from the Clore Gallery at the Tate which houses the nation's collection of Turner's.
11.30 LWT News headlines followed by **Cutter to Houston.** Texas flying doctor series. Ends at **12.20.**

CHANNEL 4

9.25 Sunday East. Magazine programme for Asian viewers. Followed by **Deewarsin.** Drama serial set in a Pakistan village.
10.00 The World This Week. Profiles of Rajiv Gandhi and Mikhail Gorbachov and their attempts to revolutionize their respective countries. Among the guests is Aroon Purie, editor of India Today.
11.00 Worzel Gummidge. Adventures of an almost human scarecrow. (r) **11.30 The Waltons.** Episode 23 **12.30 The Tube.** A repeat of Friday's programme which included the first of a two-part David Bowie interview.
2.00 Rebecca, The Little Chimney Sweep, and **Hand and Hand,** three programmes for the young hearing impaired. (Oracle)
2.30 Film: Little Man, What Now?" (1934) starring Margaret Sullavan and Douglass Montgomery. A drama about a young unemployed couple living in Germany between the Wars. Directed by Frank Borzage.
4.15 The Sun's Gonna Shine. A profile of the blues star, Lightnin' Hopkins.
4.30 The Mind Possessed. The first of two programmes examining the controversial ideas of one of the country's leading pioneers in psychiatry, Dr William Sargant.
5.30 News summary and weather followed by **The Business Programme.** A report on the rival bidders for the film company Goldcrest.
6.15 International Volleyball. The Pickfords Travel Trophy from Alexandra Palace Pavilion. The commentators are John Taylor and Ari Selinger.
7.15 The World at War. Part 17 and British and American forces assemble, over the period June to August 1944, the largest invasion fleet in history. (r) (Oracle)
8.15 Behind the Mask. A documentary exploring the background to Harrison Birtwistle's latest opera, The Mask of Orpheus. (see Choice)
9.45 Film: The Wall (1982) starring Tom Conti and Eli Wallach. A made-for-television drama about a small group of Jews' fight against Nazi genocide in the Jewish quarter of Warsaw during 1943. Directed by Robert Markowitz. Ends at **12.20**

Radio 1

On (medium wave). Stereo on VHF (see below)

News on the half-hour until **12.30pm** then, **2.00, 3.30, 5.30, 7.30, 9.30, 12.00** midnight
6.00am Mark Page **8.00** Peter Powell **10.00** Dave Lee Travis **1.00pm** Adrian Juste **2.00** The Stereo Sequence. Including **2.00-3.00** Rebel Yell **4.00-5.00** The New American Chart Show **7.30** Simon Mayo **9.30-12.00** Dixie Peach

VHF Stereo Radios 1 and 2: **4.00am** As Radio 2 **12.00** Album Time **1.00pm** As Radio 1 **7.30-4.00am** As Radio 2.

Radio 2

On medium wave. Stereo VHF

News on the hour (except **8.00pm**) Headlines **7.30am,** Sports Desks **7.02am, 8.05, 9.05, 12.02pm, 6.02, 10.02**
4.00pm Dave Bussey **6.00** Steve Truelove **7.30** Roger Royle says Good Morning Sunday **9.05** Melodies for You **11.00** Desmond Carrington **2.00pm** Benny Green **3.00** Alan Dell **4.00** Paul Hudson Sings **4.30** Sing Something Simple **5.00** Sunday Soapbox **7.00** The Impressionists **7.30** Operetta Nights **8.30** Sunday Half Hour (from St Patrick's, Ballymoney. Co Antrim) **9.00** Your Hundred Best Tunes **10.05** Songs from the Shows **10.45** John McCabe **11.00** Sounds of Jazz **1.00am** Nick Page **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music.

WORLD SERVICE

6.00 Newsdesk 6.30 Jazz for the Asking 7.00 News 7.09 Twenty-Four Hours 7.50 Waveguide 8.00 News 8.09 Reflections 8.15 The Pleasure's Yours 9.00 News 9.09 Review of the British Press 9.15 Science in Action 9.45 At Home With . . . 10.00 News 10.01 Short Story 10.15 Classical Record Review 11.00 News 11.09 News About Britain 11.15 From our own Correspondent 11.30 At the Court of . . . 12.00 News 12.01 Play of the Week: Terra Nova 1.00 News 1.09 Twenty-Four Hours: News 1.30 Sports Roundup 1.45 The Sandi Jones Request Show 2.30 Jude the Obscure 3.00 Radio Newsreel 3.15 Concert Hall 4.00 News 4.09 Commentary 7.00 News 7.01 Classical Record Review 7.15 The European Community 8.00 News 8.09 Twenty-Four Hours: News 8.30 Sunday Half Hour 9.00 News 9.01 Short Story 9.15 The Pleasure's Yours 10.00 News 10.09 Hotel du Lac 10.25 Book Choice 10.30 Financial Review 10.40 Reflections 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 News 11.09 Commentary 11.15 Letter from America 11.30 Questions of Faith 12.00 News 12.09 News About Britain 12.15 Radio Newsreel 12.30 Religious Service 1.00 News 1.01 The European Community 1.45 Loved by the Gods 2.00 News 2.09 Review of the British Press 2.15 Peebles' Choice 2.30 Science in Action 3.00 News 3.09 News About Britain 3.15 Good Books 4.45 Reflections 4.50 Waveguide 5.00 News 5.09 Twenty-Four Hours . All times GMT.

Radio 3

6.35 Open University (vhf only)
6.55 Weather **7.00** News
7.05 Schubert's Church Music. Auguste jam coelestium (D 488); Salve regina (D 386); Mass in G major (D 167); Offertorium (D 136); Magnificat (D 486) (Lucia Popp, soprano, Helen Donati, soprano, Brigitte Fassbaender, contralto, Adolf Dallapozza, tenor, Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau, bass, Eduard Brünner, clarinet, Bavarian Radio Chorus and SO under Sawallisch).
8.00 World Service News
8.10 Mstislav Rostropovich plays Saint-Saëns, Cello Concerto No 1 in A minor (Philharmonia under Sargent), and Beethoven, Cello Sonata in A, Op 69 (Sviatoslav Richter, piano).
9.00 News
9.05 Your Concert Choice. Purcell, Incidental music: Abdelazar or The Moor's Revenge (Academy of Ancient Music); Toivo Kuula, Midnight in the churchyard, Epilogue, Heart beat, The night (Jorma Hynninen, baritone, Ralf Gothoni, piano); Reinecke, Sonata (Undine) (James Galway, flute, Philip Moll, piano); Marc-Antoine Charpentier, Le reniement de St Pierre (Arts Florissants under William Christie); Mozart, Piano Concerto No 12 in A major (K 414) (Aldeburgh FO under Britten, piano).
10.30 Music Weekly
11.15 Cho-Liang Lin, violin, and Peter Pettinger, piano, play Stravinsky, Duo concertant; Beethoven, Sonata in G Op 96.
12.15 From the Proms 86. Monteverdi, Orfeo (Guy de Mey, tenor, Philippa Dames-Longworth, soprano, with London Baroque Players under Roger Norrington).
1.55 The Nash Ensemble plays Wagner, Siegfried Idyll (under Lionel Friend) and Strauss, Suite in B flat, Op 4.
2.45 Lindsay String Quartet: Haydn, Quartet in E flat Op 50 No 3; Bartok, Quartet No 3 (1927); Cherubini, Quartet No 5 in F.
3.55 Berlin Radio SO under Walter Weller, with Marilyn Horne, mezzo-soprano: Smetana, Symphonic poem: Vltava; Mahler, Rückert Lieder; Wolf, Herr, was trägt der Boden hier; Dvorak, Symphony No 5 in F.
5.30 The Jesuits: 4
6.15 Fauré. Pascal Devoyon, piano, plays Three songs without words, Op 17; Impromptu No 1 in E flat, Op 25; Barcarolle No 1 in A minor, Op 26; Valse-Caprice No 1 in A, Op 30; and Impromptu No 2 in F minor, Op 31.
6.45 Oedipus Stalin by Zinovy Zinik
7.15 Scottish NO under Neeme Jarvi plays Strauss, Symphonic poem: Also sprach Zarathustra; and Shostakovich, Symphony No 10.
8.50 Schubert songs: 1822-1826 and 1826-1828 (Fischer-Dieskau, baritone, Christoph Eschenbach, piano).
10.05 Sounds of Finland. Rautavaara, Suite: The Fiddlers, Op 1 (Helsinki CO under Leif Segerstam); Kokkonen, Cello Concerto (Arto Noras, Helsinki PO under Paul Freeman); Bergman, Noa, Op 78 (Matti Lehtinen, baritone, Finnish Radio Chamber Choir, SO under Leif Segerstam); Sallinen, Quartet No 4 (Suhonen String Quartet).
11.20 Music for Guitar played by Frederic Zigante. Richard Rodney Bennett, Impromptus; Frank Martin, Quatre pièces *brèves*; Bach, *trans* Segovia, Chaconne (Partita in D minor, BWV 1004).
11.57 News

Radio 4

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5.55 Shipping **6.00** News Briefing; Weather **6.10** Prelude. A selection of music (s) **6.30** News; Morning has Broken (s) **6.55** Weather; Travel
7.00 News
7.10 Sunday Papers
7.15 The Local Network. Should we be scared of nuclear power?
7.40 Sunday. Religious news and views incl **7.55** Weather; Travel **8.00** News **8.10** Sunday Papers
8.50 The Week's Good Cause. Lord Lichfield on support for parents of children with Down's Syndrome. **8.55** Weather; Travel
9.00 News
9.10 Sunday Papers
9.15 Letter from America by Alistair Cooke.
9.30 Morning Service from Akrill Methodist Church, Smethwick, West Midlands.
10.15 The Archers. Omnibus edition
11.15 Pick of the Week (s).
12.15 Desert Island Discs. Peter Alliss, golfer, with Michael Parkinson (s) **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World This Weekend. News **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; Gardeners' Question Time
2.30 The Lord of the Rings 4: The Ring Goes South (s).
3.30 Literary Walks. Melvyn Bragg takes Christopher Somerville to Buttermere in the Lake District.
4.00 News; The Food Programme
4.30 The Natural History Programme. Two hundred chimpanzees are transported to Spain each year as a tourist attraction.
5.00 News; Travel
5.05 Down Your Way. Brian Johnston visits Newtown in Powys. **5.50** Shipping **5.55** Weather; Travel
6.00 News
6.15 From the Listening Pavilion. Stephen Boxer on his travels in China.
6.30 Soundings. The Right to a Child. Moral and religious issues of artificial insemination and surrogate parenthood.
7.00 Martin Chuzzlewit by Charles Dickens. 9: The Mark of Cain (s)
8.00 Bookshelf
8.30 An Infamous Address: 4. Roger Wilkes visits Vanity Fair, Thames Ditton Island — where promising MP Victor Grayson was last seen before he disappeared in September 1920.
8.45 The Resurrection of Christ
9.00 News; Proof by Dick Francis, dramatized in 8 parts (7) (s) **9.55** Weather; Travel
10.00 News
10.15 The Sunday Feature. Explorers Extraordinary. 5: Sands of Perdition. Isabelle Eberhardt's seven-year enchantment with the Sahara Desert, and the final irony of her death (s).
11.00 Seeds of Faith
12.00 News; Weather **12.33** Shipping

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A national event which is fighting for its credibility

By David Miller

Publicity is not everything. This year's mutiny among the Oxford Boat Race crew has made the front page of the *New York Times*, but the credibility of this ancient national event is at stake today as much as the outcome of the 132nd contest itself.

It is incidental that January's controversial walk-out, or self de-selection as they preferred to term it, by Oxford's rebels has given the two famous seats of learning more world-wide exposure than could ever be imagined by those academic-orientated college tutors who, over the past 20 years, have been actively anti-sport.

In recent times, the Boat Race has been fortunate that interest has been maintained by such controversies as the immovable Rankov, whose toe nails must have been growing into the boat's floorboards by the end of six years, and by the advent of Sue Brown, the first woman cox. Sponsors smiled. Beefeater Gin will today rub their hands at a television audience of more than 12 million, and an expected 150 million worldwide.

Yet what has to be determined, once and for all, after this race is over is what is the intended purpose of the event: is it to win at any cost, for the prestige, if necessary by importing overseas internationals of any age, or to provide a contest rowed predominantly by undergraduates and offering, at the same time, a useful transition from youth international rowing to the senior British squad?

The two coxswains were side by side in combat on the tideway 48 hours ago, like deer with horns locked, in a preview which was symbolic not only of today's clash but of the race's history.

Lobbenberg and Wolfson were driving their respective club motor launches up the course under the scrutiny of Colin Moynihan, the former Olympic cox who is today's umpire. For most of the length of Fulham Reach, where this afternoon's predicted northerly-wind-against-tide will threaten the crews with a sinking, the launches had to be held apart by boatmen with fenders as Wolfson, on Surrey station, unblinkingly tried to force Lobbenberg out of the flood stream.

Tough tactics are one thing: a cox can win or lose the race on the changeable Thames currents. Yet what happened in Oxford's mutiny was disgraceful.

After the midday Boat Race dramas, no less than 420 other eights will be in action from 3.45 pm today between Mortlake and Putney in the annual Head of the River Race. There are 32 overseas entries, West Germany sending 21. The Amateur Rowing Association national eight with Olympic champions Steven Redgrave, Martin Cross and Andrew Holmes on board are favourites to win the title.

Jonathan Fish, one of the five rebels, when writing an apologia in these columns in defence of the action, revealed that he naively misunderstood the principles of the race, of Oxbridge sport, indeed of the disciplines inherent in any team event.

Of course the intent of the coach, Topolski, and the president, Macdonald, was to find the fastest boat. Topolski had notably achieved this in 10 of the past 11 years. He and Macdonald may or may not have made wise decisions. But it is never the right of the 'squad' privately or publicly to dispute the decisions of those in charge.

Fish talked of "injustice", and of the obligation of the coaches to "get the fastest boat on the water". Who was he kidding? The history of sport, never mind Oxbridge sport, is littered with team managers, coaches and selectors making what was considered, before or afterwards, to have been the wrong selection.

There were disputes with the managers over tactics, for example, within both Scottish and English football camps during the World Cup in Mexico. That is professional sport, and another matter, though discipline is still vital. Indiscipline within the ranks of Oxbridge is utterly self-defeating, as is likely to be proved today, unless Cambridge sink.

Oxford have probably reaped the effect of years of concentrating on postgraduate power rather than undergraduate ethics. Cambridge have had some excellent losing crews — for instance when stroked by Simon Harris — but were rowing against men an average four or five years older.

The Oxford principle must, in the long run, be damaging to undergraduate morale. Robert Giles of St Benet's, a member of the record-breaking Isis crew of 1985, gave up trying for the Blue Boat this year with the arrival of the Americans.

Cambridge have also often had foreign postgraduates, but their average age has been low. Broughton and Pew are the only two this year over 23 and Brittin is only 18. Alan Inns, three times an Olympic cox and Cambridge's chief coach for the last four years, is adamant on the principle.

"It should be a race of like against like, undergraduate v undergraduate," he says. "Too many postgraduates is against the spirit of the race, which should be a stepping stone between junior and senior international rowing."

Inns believes that there is movement within Oxford ranks to shift the emphasis back towards undergraduates. "A lot depends on who they nominate as their next president," he says. "The future of the race is in their hands."

That shift could come more easily if Topolski were not to be retained as coach, outstanding though he has been.

If the Boat Race is to retain its mystique, it has to be seen to be straight, and sporting. For all their protesting otherwise, the perverse attempt of Oxford's Americans to keep their brilliant but abrasive colleague Clark in this year's boat may have pleased the sponsors, but it did nothing for sport.

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Board lifts S Africa tour ban

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

The Rugby Football Union lifted their ban yesterday on players, referees or administrators taking part in matches in South Africa. The ban was imposed in June 1986, pending the outcome of the International Rugby Football Board's investigation into the unauthorized New Zealand Cavaliers' tour to South Africa last summer.

However the statement released by the RFU yesterday makes it clear that there remains dissatisfaction — in England at least — over the conduct of the whole affair.

The statement reads: "The executive committee of the RFU felt unable to accept in full the explanation received from South Africa in connection with the unauthorized tour to South Africa by a New Zealand team last year. In particular the RFU were disappointed that the South African Rugby Board had been unable to obtain more information from the Transvaal Union who organized the tour.

"However, in view of the decision of the International Board earlier in the week that the matter be closed unless further information was forthcoming and taking account of the new powers taken by the SARB to prevent any recurrence, the RFU agreed to lift until further notice its ban on players, referees and administrators travelling to South Africa."

Abuse of transfer system claimed

By Clive White

You can always tell when it's relegation time again because managers in the mire nervously start taking more interest in the make-up of other people's teams than their own.

Arsenal's kindly gesture of loaning Alan Smith back to Leicester City as soon as they had paid the midlands club £800,000 for him was not viewed very sympathetically by Billy McNeill, whose Aston Villa side are poised to take over the bottom place in the first division today.

McNeill claimed, not without some justification, that this suddenly fashionable type of agreement was "morally wrong". He said: "It's an abuse of the transfer deadline. What's the point in having a deadline if clubs are going to bend the rules to suit themselves. "It certainly leaves us in a frustrating position while Leicester have the best of both worlds. They have money in the bank and still have Smith to help them fight their relegation battles. That has to be morally wrong."

Manchester City, McNeill's former club who are in a similarly perilous position, have negotiated a similar deal with Chelsea whereby Clive Wilson, Chelsea's new left back, is staying at Maine Road for the rest of the season. Watford and Northampton Town have done the same over the sale of Richard Hill, though McNeill had no complaints about that one because, he said, it involved clubs in different divisions, though fourth division clubs might have had something to say about that if Northampton were not already in the winners' enclosure.

David Dent, the Football League's assistant secretary, said last night that concern about these types of transfers had been expressed before but that they did not breach the regulations.

The agreement was further confirmation, if that were necessary, that Arsenal, 12 points behind Liverpool, have given up the chase in the championship. That was made plain last Saturday when George Graham, the manager, preferred to "drop" Anderson and Rocastle and "rest" Williams at Watford rather than risk further bookings that would endanger their places in the Littlewoods Cup final against Liverpool.

- The career of Gary Bailey, the England goalkeeper, was thrown into doubt yesterday when he was dropped from the Manchester United team to face Nottingham Forest at Old Trafford and sent home to South Africa for a rest after a recurrence of knee trouble.

Bailey, who broke down in training during the World Cup, had just completed a five-match run in the first team after an absence of 12 months. Alex Ferguson, the manager, said: "Hopefully the rest will improve the situation." Walsh, 19, resumes.

Barnes: pulled out of England squad with calf strain

Blackburn full of Wembley cheer

By Andrew Longmore

If the Full Members' Cup final at Wembley tomorrow has been written off as the 'Forgotten Final', no one has bothered to tell Blackburn. The Lancashire town has been hit by a severe bout of cup fever. The symptoms are an outbreak of football chatter in a town which has not had a lot to shout about this season. The cause is Blackburn Rovers's first visit to Wembley in 27 years.

Club officials estimate that there could be 30,000 Rovers fans at Wembley for the final against Charlton Athletic. With 20,000 tickets already sold, the club has chartered 50 coaches and two trains for the day.

"It's far from being a forgotten final up here, more like the FA Cup final,' John Howarth, the Blackburn secretary, said. "We've had a disappointing season in the League, but the town is very excited now and we're going to enjoy ourselves." The prospect of £60,000 income from the final, the equivalent of receipts from six home games this season, will add to Rovers' enjoyment.

Don McKay, the manager who will lead the team out at Wembley just two months after replacing Bobby Saxton, has named the same team which beat Bradford City in midweek. Jim Branagan will be the second substitute. Two wins in the last week have eased Blackburn's relegation worries and put the side in the right mood to add a third first division scalp to those of Chelsea and Oxford United.

Charlton have also reported brisk ticket sales. They have sold 12,000 with the prospect of several thousand more fans making the short trek across London. Lennie Lawrence, the manager, welcomes the break from more serious League matters and will name his side today after seeing how Peter Shirtliff (bad knee) and Mark Stuart (chicken pox) have reacted to a reserve team game. But Garth Crooks, the new £75,000 signing, is cup tied.

- Newport county's home match against Brentford today has been called off after gale force winds damaged one end of the grandstand at Somerton Park yesterday, and Swansea's home game against Halifax, postponed from last night, will be played tomorrow because of a waterlogged pitch.

Barnes an England absentee

John Barnes has impeded Bobby Robson's hopes of taking an unchanged England squad to Belfast for next week's European Championship qualifier against Northern Ireland. The Watford winger has been withdrawn after failing a fitness test on the calf he strained in Wednesday's 1-1 draw at Aston Villa.

"He's out at West Ham tomorrow and so we've withdrawn him from the England party," said Graham Taylor's assistant, John Ward yesterday.

Robson is in line for a second disappointment at the weekend, with Nottingham Forest's Neil Webb doubtful, with hamstring trouble.

Northern Ireland suffered a bad blow of their own when the Southampton forward, Colin Clarke was withdrawn, still suffering from an aggravated thigh strain.

- Gordon Strachan is out of Scotland's European Championship qualifying match in Belgium on Wednesday. The 30-year-old midfield player has pulled out of Manchester United's team to face Nottingham Forest at Old Trafford today with a calf muscle injury.

ASA are feeble says top Briton

By Ian Stafford

Adrian Moorhouse, Britain's leading swimmer, has warned the Amateur Swimming Association that radical changes must be made to allow the sport to develop and grow in the next decade.

Moorhouse, the first man to break the 60-seconds barrier for the 100 metres breaststroke last month, has told *The Times* that the majority of Britain's internationals are unhappy and feel that the ASA must adopt a more decisive role.

"The problem is that the ASA acts like a small business," said Moorhouse. "It is doing alright, but has little desire to grow. All the swimmers agree that the sport must be given the chance to expand. In the past, the running of the sport was not geared towards the competitors, but to the ASA.

"The officials were more interested in their hotels and all expenses paid weekends than the swimmers. We were always an after-thought. The sport desperately needs promoting and it definitely needs more sponsorship.

"The ASA is under-selling itself. We need to attract top internationals, and better media coverage and to develop a relationship where the swimmers have a major say. But mostly we need more money to create posts to handle the enormity of the sport's problems."

Money needed to handle problems

Moorhouse also highlights administrative defects and poor organization in the ASA. "The director of swimming has far too much on his plate. There is one man in charge of promoting the sport, when a whole office should do it. If it wasn't for my training commitments I would want to be more involved. When I retire in four or five years, I intend to really put swimming on the map."

It was mainly the result of the enormous pressure Moorhouse placed on the ASA that trust funds were introduced. Until this year overseas rivals, like Victor Davis, of Canada, pick up annual indorsements worth nearly £40,000. It seemed right to Moorhouse, aged 22, to seek some security for himself and his colleagues. Submitting reports to his local ASA committees, , Moorhouse played a major part in forcing the ASA to agree.

But it still took an ultimatum to force the issue. "I told the ASA that I had signed two commercial contracts in the autumn which meant that unless they introduced trust funds by January 1 this year I would be swimming illegally."

Despite years of procrastination, the ASA were forced to allow Britain's swimmers to make a living from their sport. For his part, Moorhouse receives £1,000 a month from Speedo swimwear, plus extras

Tired of the image of the sport portrayed on television, Moorhouse has already spoken to the BBC and is now compiling ideas for Adrian Metcalfe, commissioning editor for sport on Channel 4.

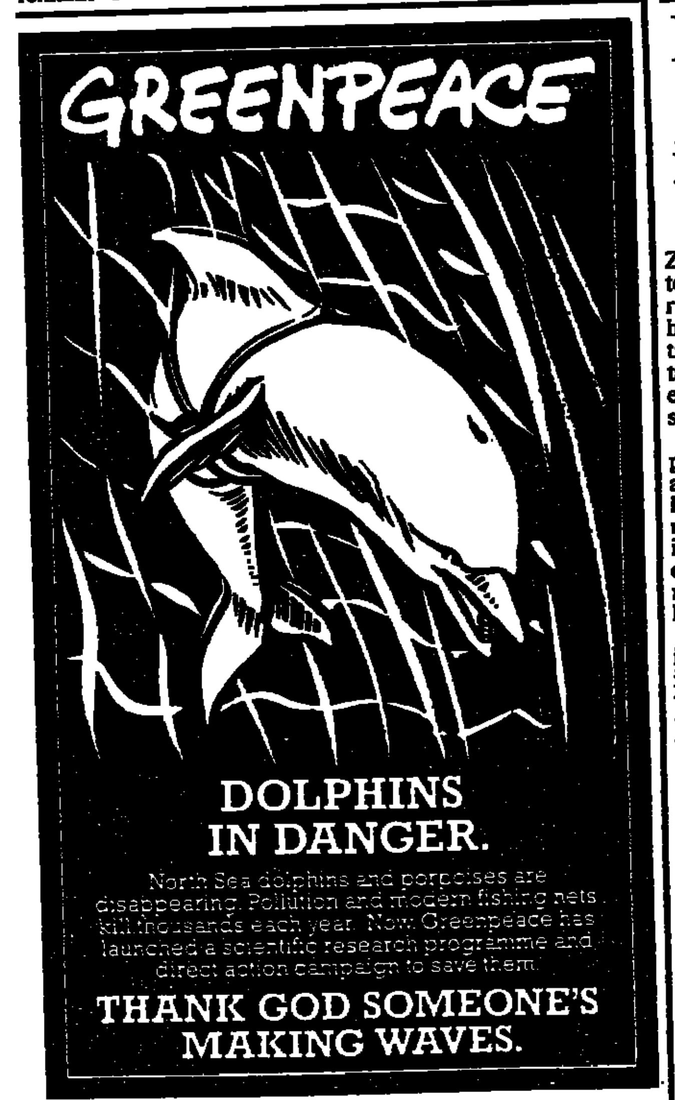
Money is a crucial requirement and Moorhouse is waiting for the results of a meeting on April 9 when the Sports Council decides on a proposal by the ASA for a grant of £1 million for all aspects of water sport, a massive increase on the £30,000 granted last year.

Pool at Palace must be saved

Also high on the list of priorities is the survival of the Crystal Palace swimming pool, the only Olympic standard pool in the country, which is under the threat of being transformed into a skating rink. Its case will be considered next week by the Council and Moorhouse believes it will be a disaster for the long-term growth of his sport if the conversion is allowed. "How can we expect to stop the exodus of British swimmers to America if we don't have the necessary facilities?" he asks.

Moorhouse receives some support within the ASA. David Reeves, the secretary, says: "It's great to have Adrian helping out and recent moves have made me extremely optimistic towards the future. I hope we are moving in the right direction." But Moorhouse meets many decision-makers who are reluctant to change. "One member of the ASA committee told me he wasn't happy with the direction swimming was moving. That is typical, there are still some who want to hold the sport back."

Moorhouse believes there must be a debate within the sport if decisions are to be made which can project it to a higher profile. "If I can help swimming achieve greater status it will give me more pleasure than winning medals."



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Budd says career is not over

By Pat Butcher
Athletics Correspondent

Zola Budd conceded yesterday that the injury to her right hamstring might keep her out of competition for the track season, but that it certainly was not so serious as to end her running career, as some reports have suggested.

Miss Budd said: "It is a possibility that I might not be able to race this summer. I have been told to rest from running for a few days. But it is nothing serious. I'm getting daily treatment, and swimming for an hour every day to keep me fit."

Harry Wilson, her new British coach, said that Miss Budd is also doing "tough circuit training two or three times a week to maintain her cardiovascular condition. Her recovery is very good, and when she starts running again she will get fit very quickly."

Steve Cram is also having further problems with his calf strain, and has pulled out of today's South Shields road race. The favourite will now be Mike McLeod, two of whose contemporaries are in even bigger races.

Steve Jones, training for the Boston Marathon on April 20, races in the Fleet half-marathon in Hampshire tomorrow. And Dave Clarke, who led the England cross-country team to silver medals with his tenth place in the world championships last Sunday, runs in an equally strong field in the 55th Cinque Moulini race near Milan. Said Aouita, the Olympic 5,000 metres champion, makes a rare cross-country excursion against the Kenyans, John Ngugi, the world champion, and Paul Kipkoech, silver medal winner, and Pat Porter, of the United States, seventh in Warsaw.

Lyle finds his missing touch

From Mitchell Platts, Golf Correspondent, Ponte Vedra, California

Sandy Lyle put behind him a series of frustrating efforts by elbowing his way into contention for the Tournament Players golf championship here yesterday.

Even so, he had little time to savour a first round of 67, as he was compelled to start his second round only 15 minutes later, as officials desperately attempted to get the tournament back on schedule following a suspension of play on Thursday because of stormy weather.

Lyle, however, had every reason to feel jubilant as he moved to within one stroke of Steve Jones, the American leader. The Scot did not drop a shot, and he also compiled his 67 without the assistance of one birdie at the four par-five holes.

His confidence grew on Thursday, when he had started at the 10th hole: He holed from 20 feet to save his par at the 14th. It was a crucial putt and one which he followed at the next hole by making a birdie from seven feet.

Yet the golfing gods were unkind to Lyle because he had to resume his first round yesterday at the 17th hole. It measures only 132 yards, but the small island green is surrounded by water. It is not the most inviting of targets for your first shot of the day at 7.30 am.

Lyle struck a firm nine-iron tee-shot to 15 feet, from where he holed for a two. He beat an unpredictable path along the long second hole — his 11th par — before keeping his score intact with a chip and a putt.

Jones, though, went one better than that. He holed a 94-yard sand-wedge shot for an eagle three, to complete his first round of 66, then set off in his second round by taking 33 shots to the turn to move to nine under par overall.

It provided Greg Norman, following his first round of 67, with a stiff target. Severiano Ballesteros (70), Ken Brown (71) and Bernhard Langer (72) all knew that there was little room for error if they were to survive the halfway cut, as 69 players finished the first round on one under par or lower. Ballesteros also incurred a two-stroke penalty for hitting practice drives.

SCORES: First round (US unless stated): 66: S Jones. 67: S Lyle (GB), B Eastwood, B Fabel, G Norman (Aus). 68: I Aoki (Jap), G Sauers, D Stockton, B McCallister, H Sutton, D Pohl, C Perry, W Levi, D Rummells, M O'Meara, P Azinger, H Irwin, M Brooks. 69: B Rogers, H Green, S Simpson, M McCumber, G Burns, C Bolling, B Gardner, T Purtzer, C Byrum, T Nakajima (Jap), F Wadsworth, B Glasson. Other scores: 70: J Mahaffey, L Wadkins, B Cole (SA), J Nicklaus, A North, B Crenshaw, D Frost (SA), S Ballesteros (Sp), L Trevino. 71: K Brown (GB), B Tway, N Price (SA), C Peete. 72: B Langer (WG), T Kite, J Sindelar, F Couples. 73: J Miller, T Watson, R Davis (Aus). 74: R Floyd, C Stadler. 75: F Zoeller, C Strange, C Pavin.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Argentines in contact

Buenos Aires (Reuter) — The Argentine Rugby Union (UAR) has made contact with the British unions for the first time since the 1982 Falklands war, the newsagency Noticias Argentinas said here yesterday.

It cited UAR president, Carlos Tozzi, as saying the contacts were made with the knowledge that the Argentine Pumas and the British teams would not play each other until relations between the nations improved.

Naish's victory

Omaezaki (AP) — Robby Naish, of the United States, the 1986 men's World Cup champion, won yesterday's race in men's course racing and Nathalie Le Lievre, of France, took the women's race in the wind surfing World Cup series.

Record set

Boca Raton (Reuter) — Tamas Darnyi, of Hungary, aged 19, broke an American short course record when he won the 400-yard individual medley on the third day of the US Swimming Short Course National Championships. Darnyi shattered Ricardo Prado's US Open record set on March 2, 1984.

Esheev wins

Adelaide (Reuter) — Soviet champion, Vladimir Esheev, dominant throughout the 34th world archery championships, took the men's title by three points at Victoria Park yesterday.

Wembley final

The final of the British Junior Ice Hockey Championship is to be staged in conjunction with the Heineken Championship play-offs at Wembley on April 26.

Kouros leads

Canberra (AP) — Yiannis Kouros, of Greece, opened up a 65-kilometre lead over his nearest rivals yesterday on the second day of the 1,060-kilometre Westfield Sydney to Melbourne road race. Dick Tout, of New Zealand, held second place and Patrick Macke, of Britain, third.

Warm-up

England's women footballers warm up for their UEFA semi-final against Sweden in June with a friendly against the Republic of Ireland in Dublin, tomorrow.

Contract off

Milan (Reuter) — Alfa Romeo have broken their contract with Ligier to provide engines for the French Formula One team's cars, following critical comments by driver Rene Arnoux, the Italian company said yesterday. The decision takes effect immediately.

Williams dismisses allegations

By Sydney Friskin

Rex Williams, the chairman of the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association (WPBSA), yesterday challenged anyone to give evidence of fixed matches in tournament play. He was reacting to allegations that Tony Meo and Tony Knowles had manipulated their match on Thursday in the Irish Masters tournament at Goffs, Co Kildare in order to support a betting coup.

After Meo had beaten Knowles 5-2 reports circulated that bookmakers in Belfast and Donegal had suspended betting on the match before it had begun. Defending the players, Williams said: "I personally don't think that there is a grain of truth in it. I would not countenance any such accusations unless there is concrete evidence supported by the betting slips." In this context he supported what Paul Hatherell the board's representative at the tournament said: "If there is evidence the matter will be fully investigated."

Dismissing the allegations as laughable, Meo's manager Barry Hearn said: "It needs little imagination to circulate a story that bookmakers have lost shoals of money or that one or two have been put out of business. My own private inquiries in this case have led me to believe that only two bookmakers were involved. One lost £900 and the other £1,500. If bookmakers feel they have been taken for a ride the best thing they can do is to go to the police instead of whingeing."

It is customary for bookmakers to lay odds on the players' chances of winning a tournament and winning a match, also to accept bets on the overall frame score of any particular match. It is this latter aspect of betting that has aroused the greater interest of the speculator, probably because of the longer odds.

- Steve Davis yesterday beat Meo 5-2 to advance to the semi-finals of the tournament.